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## SUMMER LISTENING ARRIVES FROM ABC PODCASTS

*ABC launches old fashioned wireless show for new generation of podcast listeners*



After nabbing the top spot and Best in Comedy in the iTunes Best of 2016 podcasts list for [Burn Your Passport](#), the ABC is going back to the future for its latest comedy podcast offering: an eight-part radio play with a magic realist touch.

Check-in to [The Tokyo Hotel](#) for a dazzling Wes Anderson-style 'movie for your ears'. Created by Maggie Looke and Ben Russell, the team who devised the original stage show on which the podcast is based, and featuring wonderfully gravel-voiced narration by Anne Charleston (Madge from *Neighbours*), *The Tokyo Hotel* exists in a surreal universe in the spirit of *The Mighty Boosh* or *The Goons*.

"*The Tokyo Hotel* is the kind of radio that the ABC hasn't made in a long time," says the show's Executive Producer Ian Walker. "Something we imagine Spike Milligan would approve of. The show sounds like no other kind of podcast we can think of in Australia. It has stunning production values and we're very proud of that. And it's hilariously funny. I'm sure it's destined for cult classic." **For more information, see the attachment 'Welcome to the Tokyo Hotel'.**

ABC Podcasts has your summer of listening sorted with titles for every member of the family.

[Tall Tales & True](#) hit number 1 on iTunes at launch. This new podcast brings together the very best of live storytelling from across Australia. Courageous storytellers front up to the microphone to bare their soul and share their life-changing moments in front of a live audience. Captivating, jaw-dropping and thought provoking, these pure Australian stories will make you laugh, cry or gasp — or maybe all three at once. Hosted by [Melanie Tait](#), ABC broadcaster, playwright, author and storyteller extraordinaire. **For more information, see the attachment 'Tall Tales & True'.**

The podcast designed for the family on a long holiday drive or stuck in a holiday house when the weather turns bad, [Short & Curly](#) is back with another season of curly questions to get families talking to each other (laughing and arguing mostly) about what they believe and why. **For more information, see the attachment 'Short & Curly'.**

Favourite of sports and comedy lovers, [Santo, Sam and Ed's Total Football Podcast](#) have brought you their take on all the big football news from around the globe. Listen in over summer as the boys have a yarn with football lovers and legends [Matt Preston](#), [John Aloisi](#), Josip Skoko, Kevin Muscat, Jack Reilly and Ange Postecoglou.

Your ticket to music discovery, [The J Files](#) brings together artists and fans to share and explore the stories behind the music. Each week show digs through the archives, rarities and your experiences to create an in-depth profile of an artist, album or idea.

*Burn Your Passport* was not the only title to shine on the iTunes Best of 2016. The podcast in search of the real Australia [The Real Thing](#) and RN's [The Party Room](#) also made the top ten, while [Conversations with Richard Fidler](#) was once again Australia's #1 Most Downloaded podcast. *Conversations* also made the Best Classics top ten, along with RN's [All in the Mind](#).

Perfect company for a jog or walk up the beach, [Conversations with Richard Fidler](#) draws you deeper into the extraordinary life story of someone you may, or may not, have heard about. Guaranteed extraordinary storytelling.

**The complete new seasons of *The Tokyo Hotel*, *Tall Tales & True* and *Short & Curly* are available for listening now on the ABC Radio app, iTunes or your favourite podcast provider.**



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