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Rosehaven

Brand New Season

STARTS WEDNESDAY 30 JANUARY 8.30PM

WEEK 5 HIGHLIGHTS

SUNDAY 27 JANUARY TO SATURDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2019



BACK ROADS Mon 28 Jan 8.00pm

THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN BEE CHALLENGE Tue 29 Jan 8.30pm

★**Top Pick**

Wednesday 30 January 8.30pm



Rosehaven

Season 3 begins with a double episode

The multi-award-winning ABC and SundanceTV (USA) comedy series **Rosehaven** is back for a third season. The eight episodes feature new guest stars and fresh stories about the quirky and loveable town of Rosehaven.

Written by and starring two of Australia's favourite comedians Luke McGregor and Celia Pacquola, *Rosehaven* follows the story of two friends and unlikely real estate agents, Daniel (expat Tasmanian McGregor) and Emma (Pacquola). Series three finds the best friends and workmates facing big changes in their personal lives and a real estate opportunity that threatens to divide the whole town.

Series 3 sees Daniel and Emma establishing a full life in Rosehaven. Daniel is happily living with his girlfriend Grace (Katie Robertson), while Emma is still housemates with Barbara (Kris McQuade)... that is, until she sells the family home without telling anyone.

In the first episode, when the professionalism of McCallum Real Estate is brought into question, Daniel sets out to fix their reputation while Emma befriends a pig.

Episode two sees Emma and Daniel trying to prevent a tenant from moving house, after he finds out that the previous owner actually died in the house and the neighbours are eager to pay their respects. Emma and Daniel come up with a unique fix for the awkward situation.

Production details

A What Horse? / Guesswork Television production presented by Screen Tasmania, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and SundanceTV. Created and Written by Celia Pacquola and Luke McGregor. Produced by Andrew Walker. Co-Producer Fiona McConaghy. Executive Producer Kevin Whyte. ABC Executive Producers Rick Kalowski and Brett Sleigh.

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The Great Australian Bee Challenge (Part One)

We Australians share our country with one of the world's most beautiful, fragile and industrious creatures - bees. They are an incredibly important part of the natural environment - pollinating around a third of the food we eat. While in many parts of the world bees are under threat, Australia remains a safe haven for them – for now.

In the first of two programs, host Paul West introduces four teams of novice bee keepers to these hardworking insects, and with the help of entomologist Dr Tanya Latty and expert bee keeper Doug Purdie, they learn to build thriving hives – and that means delving into the very latest science behind bee communication, brains, and behaviour.

With two teams in the city and two in the country, our amateur beekeepers encounter all sorts of challenges on their journeys. In the city, our rooftop hive is showing signs of stress; while in the country a cold, dry Spring - with no sign of nectar for the bees to feed upon - has set our rural participants back. But it's the family in metropolitan Erskineville that throw a massive spanner in the works by moving houses. They take their hive with them – but will the bees follow?

Short synopsis

In the first of two programs, host Paul West challenges four families to successfully keep a honeybee hive, bringing these everyday Australians up close to the very latest science about bee brains, communication and behaviour.

Production details

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★ Top Pick

Thursday 31 January 8.00pm



Escape From The City

Expert property advisor Bryce Holdaway is helping two fun-loving retirees find a new home in southern Queensland. Phil and Margaret currently live in Geelong and they're in a retirement rut.

Phil had a bout of ill health recently and has overhauled his life, adopting the vegan way of living. With the colder climate in Victoria taking its toll on his chest health, Phil is seeking a warmer climate. Margaret is also ready to get her social spark back and move closer to her grandkids, who will now be just a car ride away.

They've set their sights on the Darling Downs region of Toowoomba in southern Queensland. With \$700K in the budget, Bryce will take them through four beautiful homes that fit a brief that includes architectural features, stunning views, a veggie garden and somewhere close to town to get a daily coffee.

This visit will also give Phil and Margaret tips on how to integrate into the local neighbourhood with a trip to the community garden, and Bryce cracks the whip – literally, with a day at the country's oldest working woolshed.

Escape From The City is a timely 'how to' guide, packed full of expert advice and industry insights for those seeking a different way of life. Each episode sees one of our five impressive hosts – Jane Hall, Simon Marnie, Bryce Holdaway, Del Irani and Dean Ipaviz – guiding a family, couple or individual through the trials and tribulations of their life-changing decision to escape the city and move to coastal, country or regional Australia.

Short synopsis

Property advisor Bryce Holdaway helps Geelong retirees Phil & Margaret look for a Queensland home that will suit the next stage of life. High on their priority list is a new home that will connect them to the local community.

Production details

Escape from the City is a Fremantle production for ABC. The series is based on the UK format *Escape to the Country*, created by Boundless Productions.

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★**Top Pick**

Friday 1 February 7.30pm



Gardening Australia

In 2019 ABC's perennial gardening program, *Gardening Australia* is turning 30. After a few weeks of well-earned rest in a shady hammock, *Gardening Australia* is back for our 30th year of great gardening ideas, spectacular plants and the nation's most passionate gardeners. Here's what we've got lined up for our first week:

Jane Edmanson is on Lord Howe Island, where the red volcanic soil has sustained a healthy harvest of fruit and vegetables for generations of islanders.

Costa Georgiadis visits a school garden where the whole community gets on board with composting their food scraps – and the chickens and worms think it's great!



Millie Ross meets a man who specialises in breeding the most beautiful sunflowers and discovers there's more to these plants than just a pretty facet. Tino Carnevale has some smart and simple solutions for gardeners who are trying to resist gravity when growing on a slope.

Josh Byrne adds to the edible plants growing on and around his deck by planting out a range of warm-climate herbs and greens. Sophie Thomson explores an urban waterway that has been rejuvenated to form the basis of a huge wetland and wildlife project in central Adelaide. Jerry Coleby-Williams shows how a bit of know-how – and a lot of patience – can help you propagate even the toughest of garden plants.

We meet an amateur topiarist whose creative hobby has taken over his garden – and now attracts bus-loads of visitors. Jane explains what plant labels mean when they ask for 'part shade', Jerry has tips on watering melons and Sophie suggests options for when your lettuce goes to seed.

Short synopsis

ABC's perennial gardening program returns for its 30th year. Costa visits a school garden where everyone composts food scraps, Jane visits Lord Howe Island to see how red volcanic soil sustains healthy fruit and veg, Jerry has tips on watering melons and Sophie explores a rejuvenated urban waterway.

Production details

Executive Producer: Gill Lomas.

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Sunday 27 January 9.10pm

COMEDY
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Adam Hills: Clown Heart

Adam Hills performs his stand-up show “Clown Heart.”

Take a trip with Adam Hills and his sold-out crowd at London's Hammersmith Apollo to the Clown Heart of comedy. In this live recording of his hit stand-up show, Adam and his sign language interpreter Catherine join forces with a willing audience to create some onstage stars and hit a few comedic high notes.

Along the way he embraces love, life and death with his inimitable positivity, laughing in the face of tragedy and "kicking cancer in the d**k".

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Production details

Production: Open Mike Productions.

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Back Roads – The Coorong

This week Heather Ewart visits The Coorong, an area that spans 130 kilometres of South Australian coastline but has a population that hovers around just 50 people. It's a stunning mosaic of wild ocean beaches, lagoons and wetlands, but in many ways it's become the 'forgotten end' of the mighty Murray River.

However, some Australians will remember it as the home of Colin Thiele's beloved characters from the classic book and 1976 film, *Storm Boy*. Now local residents have had the chance to become involved in the story again, with a new film version of the story being released in January 2019.

Pelicans still abound in the internationally-recognised breeding grounds of The Coorong, attracting many other birds as well. Not all of them are waterbirds – even emus are also found running through the dunes. That might be why it's attracted scientists and bird fanciers from near and far. One of those who's stayed near, birdwatcher and photographer Pam Gillen, has captured some of the most intimate images of the pelican chicks as well as many rare shorebirds. The waterways also abound with Coorong mullet, Coorong Cockles, seals and sailing boats.

On the land, the old stone church of the Raukkan community is celebrated on the \$50 note. It's also the home of popular stand-up comedian Kevin Kropinyeri, whose family has lived on the water for generations. His son, Kevin Jnr, has stayed closer to home, helping run the community's indigenous fruit and flower industry.

Opposite Raukkan is an area called The Narrows, which has Australia's only inland lighthouse. As a special treat, the locals light it up to show Heather, for only the second time since 1931.

Across the other side of Lake Albert is the tiny town of Meningie, where Pam the bird-watcher lives. Its claim to fame remains related to birds – in a way. It’s where the legend of the tiny, bearded, bejewelled, barely-dressed, ostrich-riding bushranger, the ‘Birdman of the Coorong’ originated. Only in The Coorong!

Short synopsis

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Production details

Executive Producer, Brigid Donovan. Series Producer, Louise Turley. Supervising Producer, Kerri Ritchie. Field Producers, Lisa Whitehead, Gerri Williams and Damien Estall.

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Monday 28 January 9.30pm

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The Good Place

From Executive Producer Michael Schur (Brooklyn Nine-Nine, Parks and Recreation, Master of None) comes a smart, unique new comedy about what makes a good person. The show follows Eleanor Shellstrop (Kristen Bell, House of Lies, Veronica Mars), an ordinary woman who enters the afterlife and, thanks to some kind of error, is sent to the Good Place instead of the Bad Place, which is definitely where she belongs. While hiding in plain sight from Michael (Ted Danson, CSI, Cheers), the wise architect of the Good Place (who doesn't know he's made a mistake), she's determined to shed her old way of living and discover the awesome (or, at least, the pretty good) person within.

In episode 8, Michael's skills are put to the test when he attempts to sort out an unprecedented situation. Meanwhile, Chidi makes a connection elsewhere, much to the dismay of Eleanor, while Janet shows a different side of herself.

In episode 9, Eleanor's eagerness to learn ethics from Chidi becomes the full-time job he never wanted. Meanwhile, Michael and Janet focus their attention on a neighbourhood emergency.

Short synopsis

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Production details

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Wednesday 30 January 8.00pm



Hard Quiz

One of Australia's top comedians, Tom Gleeson is also one of Australia's top quiz show hosts, as he proves by systematically snarking his way through #HardQuiz week after week. Tonight, Tom grills Shah, Susan, Spencer and David on the Rugby World Cup, the Treehouse books, Vespas and the king of all topics, Elvis Presley. At stake is the chance to say, "I survived thirty minutes in Tom Gleeson's sights, and all I got was this Big Brass Mug."

Short synopsis

Australia's top quiz show returns for 2019. Tonight on #HardQuiz, Elvis superfan David goes up against Susan (the Treehouse book series), Spencer (Vespas) and Shah (the Rugby World Cup). But no matter who wins this rock'n'roll rumble, Tom Gleeson's still the king.

Production details

A Thinkative Television production in association with ABC TV. Series Producer: John Tabbagh. Executive Producer: Chris Walker. Producers: Kevin Whyte, Charlie Pickering, Tom Gleeson. ABC Executive Producer Tarni James.

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Death In Paradise

DI Jack Mooney (Ardal O’hanlon) is settling into the sun-soaked idyll of Saint Marie and beginning to make the beach shack his home. But when his daughter Siobhan (Grace Stone) decides to leave for university, he finds himself living alone for the first time. Luckily, he has his team to support him as he faces some fiendishly taxing cases.

Jack’s laconic style belies a sharp mind and relentless determination. He’s a brilliant detective, but he’ll need all his instinctive genius to solve the mysterious murders ahead: a champion poker player apparently poisoned at the table in front of an astonished audience: a novelist murdered in a plot more surprising than anything he’s ever written: and a spiritual leader strangled at a time when all the suspects were each other’s alibis. Jack needs to solve these seemingly impossible mysteries if he’s to impress Commissioner Selwyn (Don Warrington) and make his mark on the island.

And it’s not just Jack who has challenges to face, as injury strikes DS Florence Cassel (Joséphine Jobert); JP (Tobi Bakare) confronts a face from his past; Commissioner Selwyn is forced to reopen a case that’s close to home; and Dwayne (Danny John-Jules) finds himself out of his depth – and in love.

In Episode One, Jack and the team are left puzzled when the fiancée of hotel billionaire Philip Marston (Dennis Lawson) is found dead the day before their wedding. All the evidence points to suicide, but Jack is convinced there’s more than meets the eye.

However, all suspects were in different locations around the hotel, so how could any of them have committed murder? Puzzled by a single painted nail on the victim's hand, Jack is determined to prove foul play, despite the Commissioner insisting the case is closed.

Meanwhile, Jack discovers a local island delicacy, while his daughter Siobhan (Grace Stone) has a tough decision to make. Elsewhere, Dwayne finds himself in hot water with former flame Audrey (Doreene Blackstock).

Short Synopsis

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Production details

Created by Robert Thorogood; Executive Producers: Tony Jordan and Tim Key; A Red Planet Pictures production for the BBC. Produced with the support of the Guadeloupe Regional Council

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Agatha Raisin

The Wizard of Evesham

After an utterly disastrous trip to Cyprus, Agatha (Ashley Jensen) returns to Carsely with a glorious tan, a head full of bad memories and most importantly, without her almost-husband James. Her only saving grace is the unwavering support of her fellow singles Gemma (Katy Wix) and Roy (Mathew Horne), and the gang resolves to stay away from men forever, forming the Carsely single ladies group.

Desperately in need of some pampering and a new look, Agatha turns to the capable hands of Evesham's hottest new hairdresser, the alluring Jonny Shawpart (James Lance). It seems no woman can resist his charms - least of all his devoted receptionist Josie (Amy Dolan) - and despite her best efforts, it isn't long before Agatha too falls under his spell accepting Jonny's invitation to dinner.

However, when she learns that fellow Carsely Ladies Society member Liza Friendly (Kate Lamb) is absolutely terrified of him, the gang quickly discovers that Liza isn't the only woman afraid of Jonny.

So Agatha, Gemma, Roy and Sarah (Lucy Liemann) decide to find out what's going on; if he's blackmailing the village women then it's their duty to protect them. But things take an unexpected turn when Jonny drops dead in his salon after being poisoned by ricin injected into his beloved vitamins.

Agatha waits until the police are distracted and steals Jonny's keys. She drives to his house so she can hide any incriminating evidence he was using to blackmail local women and is shocked to find his list of victims was much longer than she had imagined... forcing her to wonder if one of the women she has been so determined to protect may in fact be the killer.

As their list of potential suspects grows, Agatha decides they should look into Jonny's mysterious past. But it isn't long before the attention returns to the village with a bang when a Carsely villager is found murdered. With the case now feeling more personal than ever, Agatha has renewed determination to find the killer before they have the chance to strike again...

Short synopsis

After a disastrous trip to Cyprus, Agatha turns to Evesham hot new hair guru, Jonny, and finds herself falling under his spell. But the spell is broken when she finds herself embroiled in a murder case.

Production details

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