

# WEEK 1 HIGHLIGHTS



**ABC**

SUNDAY 30 DECEMBER TO  
SATURDAY 5 JANUARY 2019



**ESCAPE FROM THE CITY** Thursday 3 Jan 7.30pm

**MUSTANGS FC** Daily at 5pm, from Tuesday 1 Jan



## **New Year's Eve**

ABC is gearing up for the biggest party of the year and everyone's invited, New Year's Eve 2018, the night is yours Australia.

ABC will be ushering in 2019 with a star-studded concert from the Boardwalk of the Sydney Opera House. Taking part in the live show and celebrating the night will be an unmissable line-up of Australian and international performers including, internationally renowned singer-songwriter Ben Folds, legendary Aussie rocker Daryl Braithwaite, the powerhouse voice of Casey Donovan and The Preatures Isabella Manfredi. Also performing are pop duo Client Liaison, Indigenous Hip Hop artist Baker Boy, soul singer Kaiit and drummer extraordinaire turned solo artist, G Flip plus more!

Our performers will be playing from a party playlist that has been voted for by the Australian public.

With special guests, surprises and the stunning, world famous fireworks over Sydney Harbour, the night is set to go off with a bang!

### **Short synopsis**

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### **Production details**

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★**Top Pick**

**Thursday 3 January 7.30pm**



## **Escape From The City**

The series 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.

From beach-side shacks perched on coastal cliffs in Victoria, to terraced houses in need of renovation in quiet country towns and bushland retreats on the edges of the Northern Queensland rainforest, each episode sees one of our property mad hosts take a contributor on the house hunt of their dreams. Taking into account their needs, desires and budget, our hosts scour the country and present each with four homes, hopefully one becoming their dream home.

Along the way the hosts and participants sample local delights and visit local attractions to get a feel for the area they are planning on moving to.

Following the premiere on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 10 new episodes will be available on ABC iView for fans to binge on.

### **Episode one: Thursday 3 January at 7.30pm on ABC and ABC iView**

Life in Sydney's beachside Maroubra is becoming cramped and crazy for Brad and Monique, who want their three kids to enjoy the freedom and space of growing up on the

NSW Mid North Coast. They are looking to live a more sustainable life, but must decide just how far off-grid they are prepared to go.

Brad and Monique have their hearts set on a move to the idyllic inland town of Bellingen and *Escape from the City* presenter Jane Hall shows them the best of what the area has to offer with four very different properties.

### **Short synopsis**

Follow hosts Jane Hall, Simon Marnie, Bryce Holdaway, Del Irani and Dean Ipaviz as they guide a families, couples or individuals through the trials & tribulations of their life-changing decision to escape the city.

### **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. 60 x 60 minutes.

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## Mustangs FC

They got to the finals last season but missed out on raising the trophy, and now the Mustang girls are pumped and ready to get back in the game. But can they win the cup without Ruby? It's all kicking off in Mustangs land!

Series 2 brings more complex relatable stories about real young women and their friendships, challenges and triumphs. There's more of the Mustangs' signature humour and heart, wrapped round stories about bullying, body image, sexuality, the politics of moon cups and menstruation and how to handle some serious over-spraying of boyoderant!

And of course there's soccer to play! After getting to the finals last year but missing out on actually raising the trophy, the Mustangs are pumped and ready to get back in the game. Problem is – there's a Ruby shaped hole in the team since she defected to the Wildcats, and it's wobbling everyone. The girls don't even know if they can win a single match without her, never mind a shiny silver trophy.

Time for some new players and a massive shake up of the team's formation that means big changes for Marnie. Being captain of the Mustangs has been so important to her, but is dishing out all that advice and support starting to mean that her own game suffers? Liv has some major stuff to deal with, including a big little word Marnie kept from her last season, that has her questioning why she even started playing football in the first place. It's time for Liv to follow her own dreams... if she can figure out what they actually are. Anusha's relieved to get out on the field again and taste some independence, after a wellness-scheduled summer. And even Bella is raring to go now that her game has mysteriously improved a lot. Can their friendship stay on track when Bella starts to leave Nush behind and surprise herself by becoming a sporty girl?

At the Wildcats, Ruby has to face the fallout of her decision, as she struggles to find her feet with her hostile new team. Is there any way to be friends with the Mustangs again after that betrayal? Ruby and Lara have been hanging out in secret while Lara's making it her mission to get Ruby back in with the crowd. Only trouble is, once that happens, Ruby and Lara won't have their secret anymore... and the secret was kind of fun. Lara liked having Ruby to herself, and what are all these crazy, mixed up feelings that Lara even feels when she hangs out with Ruby? So. Many. Questions.

### **Short synopsis**

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### **Production details**

**Mustangs FC** is produced by Matchbox Pictures for ABC Television with production investment funding from Screen Australia in association with Film Victoria. Distribution is NBCU International. Produced by Amanda Higgs and Rachel Davis. Executive Producer: Debbie Lee. ABC Executive Producers: Jan Stradling and Libbie Doherty. Writers: Kirsty Fisher, Magda Wozniak, Rae Earl, Shanti Gudgeon, Alix Beane and Jonathan Gavin. Directors: Corrie Chen, Jess Harris, Roger Hodgman and Ana Kokkinos.

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## Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

The 2018 Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo features talent from the four corners of the globe performing on the magnificent Esplanade of Edinburgh Castle.

True to this year's Tattoo theme, The Sky Is The Limit, the international cast reaches the heights of entertainment in these highlights from the event, narrated by Bill Paterson.

The Combined Bands of The Royal Cavalry of The Sultanate of Oman bring a spectacular mounted display to Edinburgh. Silent precision drill and weapon skills from the United States Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team and, marking the centenary of the foundation of independent Czechoslovakia, the Central Band of the Czech Armed Forces make their Edinburgh debut.

The RAF College Band take centre stage as this year's 'home service' at the Tattoo. They are marking another centenary - that of the Royal Air Force. They are joined by The Royal Marines Band Plymouth and The Band of the Royal Regiment of Scotland for a fine display of British Military Music.

From North America, the Middlesex County Volunteers Fifes & Drums echo the music from the American War for Independence, whilst Central American tempo is brought by Banda Monumental De Mexico, showing the colours and spirits of Mexico.

The much-loved Shetland Fiddlers, Hjaltibinhoga, bring the sights and sounds of their island home with music echoing the sounds of the seabirds of Shetland. The Tattoo Dance Company provides their usual high standard of massed dancing with a tribute to The Royal Air Force whilst, from Basel, the Top Secret Drum Corps bring another exciting performance of virtuoso drumming, filled with precision, humour and thrilling tempo.

Wonderful music, heritage and spectacle are all packed into this highlights programme, with the sight and sound of Massed Pipes and Drums setting the scene and lone piper on the battlements of Edinburgh Castle rounding off a unique annual event.

### Short synopsis

The 2018 Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo features talent from around the world performing on the magnificent Esplanade of Edinburgh Castle.

### Production details

Produced and Directed by John Smith, BBC Scotland.

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## **Summer Drum**

The Drum shifts gear in January to take in the summer sights and sounds. From Wednesday January 2, guest host Adam Spencer will be joined by Drum regulars and special guests to cover the day's big news, and the issues we have time to reflect on in the holiday period.

Summer Drum airs Monday to Friday at 5.30pm on ABC TV, or at 6.30pm AEDT and 9.30pm AEDT on ABC NEWS channel. Or catchup at your leisure anytime on ABC iview.

### **Production details**

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## Grand Designs Australia

With the long term plan to opt out for a simpler lifestyle, city slickers Glen and Kate Morris were delighted when they found 19 windswept acres near the seaside town of Inverloch on Victoria's south coast.

Sure, they wanted a more humble life but the journey in creating their new house would be the antithesis of that...because their plan was for something completely untested – a design based on a barchan sand dune...an arc shaped sand ridge.

The idea for the shape came first – conceived not from the floor up, but from the form down and that meant working out a floor plan to fit the crescent shape. Inside, 7 free standing rammed earth walls separate the spaces as well as help support a 'ring-beam' of super strong laminated timber, one of many invented systems in this house, that encircles the entire perimeter and props up a grand vaulted ceiling.

This is an adventurous and challenging undertaking but Glen and Kate's plan is to resolve any tricky geometry early on with a super scaled model....as well as put an end to the one big sticking point - the height of the cathedral like ceiling. It's the first of many compromises they face in building what is quickly dubbed the 'UFO' house.

Experiments by their mere nature are often open ended and costly and this one is no exception. Faced with escalating costs and slow progress Glen takes an early retirement and moves to the site in an effort to get things moving.

But nothing in this project is straightforward from lifting 700 kilo sheets of double glazing and fitting sheets of pure zinc roofing, to creating a network of intricate ceiling timber batons that look more like the carcass of a whale!

Will Glen and Kate get through this complex and difficult construction and end up with their original concept or will they be forced to trim and modify because curves simply cost too much?

**Short synopsis**

After eight years of planning, Melbourne couple Glenn and Kate Morris are finally making a start on their striking, sustainable ‘sand dune’ house near Inverloch on Victoria’s Gippsland coastline.

**Production details**

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