

**BACK ROADS**  
Returns Monday 3 December 8.30pm

**FRESH BLOOD PILOT SEASON: THE ANGUS PROJECT**  
Tuesday 4 December 9.30pm



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## Back Roads

*Back Roads* returns to take viewers to more of Australia's most interesting communities. These are towns full of authentic characters, full of grit and good humour.

With so many wonderful places to visit, award-winning journalist Heather Ewart is helped out by guest presenters Felicity Urquart, singer and presenter of ABC Radio's Saturday Night Country, ABC News Channel's Joe O'Brien, and foodie and farmer Paul West. Felicity, Joe and Paul will uncover more resilient communities defined by their strength and humility.

The people featured on *Back Roads* are as awe-inspiring as the landscape that surrounds them.

In this series, *Back Roads* visits Queensland's Atherton Tablelands, the NSW town of Lightning Ridge, The Furneaux Islands in Bass Strait, Tasmania, Marble Bar in WA, Finke in the Northern Territory, Beaufort in Victoria, Windorah in Queensland, and The Coorong in South Australia.



*Back Roads* highlights the significance of place and how it inspires lives and passions writ large.

First stop in this series is far north Queensland where Heather Ewart is on a road-trip with a much-loved travelling greengrocer. For almost 30 years, Fari Rameshfar has steered his trusty truck through droughts, cyclones and floods to deliver fresh food to people living in isolation. Locals say Fari is "bigger than Santa out here."

### Short synopsis

Heather Ewart is on a road trip in Queensland with a much-loved travelling greengrocer. For 30 years, Fari Rameshfar has travelled through droughts, cyclones and floods to deliver fresh food to people living in isolation.

### 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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## Sherlock

As Sherlock (Benedict Cumberbatch) waits for Moriarty (Andrew Scott) to make his posthumous move, an intriguing puzzle captures the mercurial detective's attention. But this case is more dangerous than he could have imagined. There is a dark purpose at work. Something with its roots deep in Mary Watson's (Amanda Abbington) past. Sherlock and John will face their most chilling enemies yet. In this 3-part series, everything they know will be tested. Everyone they know is under threat. Is the game finally over?

In the first episode – The Six Thatchers – while Sherlock waits to see where Moriarty will make his move, a mysterious case baffles Scotland Yard. However, Sherlock is more interested in a seemingly trivial detail - why is someone destroying images of the late Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher? Is there a madman on the loose? Or is there a much darker purpose at work? Something with its roots deep in Mary Watson's past...

### Short synopsis

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### Production details

Benedict Cumberbatch as Sherlock Holmes, with Martin Freeman as John Watson, Mark Gatiss as Mycroft Holmes, Rupert Graves as Inspector Lestrade, Una Stubbs as Mrs Hudson, Amanda Abbington as Mary Watson and Louise Brealey as Molly Hooper  
Episode 1: The Six Thatchers: Writer: Mark Gatiss, Director: Rachel Talalay  
**Sherlock** is created and written by Steven Moffat and Mark Gatiss. Produced by Sue Virtue. BBC/BBCWW/WGBH co-production

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## Fresh Blood Pilot Season: The Angus Project

FRESH BLOOD is a ground-breaking ABC and Screen Australia initiative that seeks to uncover the next generation of Australian comedy talent. First launched in 2013, there were hundreds of entries of from all over the country that culminated in the *Wham Bam Thankyou Ma'am* and *Fancy Boys* sketch series (both co-produced with NBCU's Seeso streaming platform (US)). Once again in 2017, 20 up-and-coming comedy teams were given \$15,000 each to produce a 3x5 minute comedy project. This year, four of those were chosen to produce a half hour comedy pilot, with one or possibly two projects to be commissioned to make a 6-part series.

All four Fresh Blood pilots, including *The Angus Project* premiere on ABC iView on Tuesday 20 November.

### The Angus Project

Angus is an aspiring sports journalist with cerebral palsy, who works for a shonky local paper called *The Bathurst Gazette*. He wastes his days with his carer Nina, a flailing university student who has a knack for blowing even the most mundane tasks out of proportion. Assisted by their eclectic drug dealer Kane, the two find colourful ways to shirk their responsibilities, and undermine their boss Kath, a nasty woman who runs the regional disability service provider.

Guest cast includes award-winning comedian Sammy J as 'Kane', actor and musician Adam Bowes as 'Wizza', and Sydney based triple j radio presenter, actress, comedian and writer Veronica Milsom as 'Kath'.

*"I adored the original, short-form series of The Angus Project and jumped at the chance to be involved. It was particularly satisfying to be finally cast in a role that reflects my true self; a drug-dealing, paranoid conspiracy-theorist."* - Sammy J

Angus Thompson is a 26-year-old actor with Cerebral Palsy from Bathurst, NSW. During his time at university studying Public Relations, Angus began acting in student short films. This encouraged Angus to pursue further projects in front of the camera. Last year Angus was accepted into ABC's Fresh Blood, where a three-episode web series, The Angus Project was first created. This year Angus has acted in educational and training videos for Sydney based companies, as well as modelled in Melbourne Fashion Week's event Access to Fashion. Angus is hopeful to pursue future projects within the creative industry and do his part in pushing for the disabled population to be seen and heard in the media.

Director/Producer/Writer/'Nina' Nina Oyama is a stand-up comedian, actress and writer whose TV credits include You're Skitting Me S2 (ABC3), The Chaser's Election Desk and Squinters. In 2017, Nina was a recurring cast member of multi award-winning show Utopia, playing Courtney the receptionist. Her stand-up comedy has appeared on SBS2's Stand Up @ Bella Union, C31's About Tonight, In the Zone 2015 and most she recently was a reporter on Tonightly with Tom Ballard.

Producer Bronte Rose Jovevski is a comedy producer/director with a background in independent production and producing animated commercials. She came to The Angus Project fresh from directing and producing sketch comedy group Freudian Nip's Fresh Blood suite and producing a late-night comedy talk show for ABC2. She is now working in post-production in Toronto (the one in Canada).

### **Short synopsis**

Angus, an aspiring sports journalist with cerebral palsy, employs his hopeless best friend Nina, a failing uni student, to be his carer. Together they go on wild adventures and get up to no good in the rural town of Bathurst.

### **Production details**

Director/Producer/Writer: Nina Oyama, Producer: Bronte Rose Jovevski; ABC Executive Producer Nick Hayden, Head of Comedy Rick Kalowski, Head of Factual and Entertainment Josie Mason-Campbell.

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## Nowhere Boys: Battle For Negative Space

The Nowhere Boys are back and face their most dangerous threat ever – an enemy capable of destroying the entire multiverse.

In the final season of this award-winning series, Luke, Nicco, Heath and Jesse return from a summer of magical training more powerful than ever – and with an unlikely new member. But the new-year brings new threats, when a series of supernatural attacks hit Bremin. The gang fear their magic is the cause of the trouble as dark, chaotic forces descend, challenging the Gang's unity as they battle to save the entire multiverse.

The gang must balance their personal lives with their magical obligations. Growing up is hard enough without having to rescue the multiverse as well. As the gang search for their place in the world, what will they sacrifice for each other?

Production details

The final season screens daily at 5pm on ABC ME and the ABC ME App:

### EPISODE ONE – WE ARE NOT ALONE ANYMORE: MONDAY 3 DECEMBER AT 5PM

The Nowhere Boys are back and Luke's attempts to convince the Gang that a new threat is imminent are dismissed – until the threat proves too big to ignore.

### EPISODE TWO – SECRETS, LIES AND PARASITES: TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER AT 5PM

As the Gang fights off the latest threat, Jesse's preoccupation with a cyber bully puts their biggest secret at risk. When the menacing creatures attack again, the Gang fight back by sending them out of this world– but at what cost?

### EPISODE THREE – LOST IN NEGATIVE SPACE: WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER AT 5PM

Nicco jeopardises both the Gang's plan to rescue one of their own and her football ambition – but as Bates closes in, can Nicco redeem herself and the Gang save the day?

#### EPISODE FOUR – THE COOL GUY: THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER AT 5PM

Bates is on the warpath. Convinced he is close to exposing a conspiracy gripping Bremin High, he interrogates the Gang. Will one of them crack under the pressure? Meanwhile, the arrival of a stranger puts Heath under the spotlight.

#### EPISODE FIVE – STRANGER DANGER: FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER AT 5PM

Desperate to get Felix's book back, the Gang search for Zeb, the mysterious stranger. But when Luke is kidnapped, they all find themselves drawn into a dangerous trap.

#### EPISODE SIX – MISTAKEN ID-ENTITY: SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER AT 5PM

When a friend suddenly becomes an enemy the Gang are left shaken. Meanwhile Jesse confronts his cyber bully and scores an unexpected win.

#### Short synopsis

In the final series, the Nowhere Boys are back more powerful than ever and with an unlikely new member. But the new-year brings their most dangerous threat yet – an enemy capable of destroying the entire multiverse.

#### Production details

Developed and produced with the assistance of NBC Universal International Studios. Produced with the assistance of Film Victoria and Screen Australia. A Matchbox Pictures Production for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. Series Creator and Executive Producer: Tony Ayres. Producer: Beth Frey. Executive Producer: Michael McMahon.

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## My Family and the Galapagos

Monty Halls tries to determine whether the ecosystems of the Galapagos can cope with the demands of an increasing number of people who live and visit the islands. He joins a survey team monitoring juvenile sharks, performs a terrifying dive at night, and takes his wife and daughters on a visit to the volcanoes of Isabella Island. The family also adopts a more self-sufficient lifestyle, as they start keeping chickens and growing their own food, and learning how to make small scale fishing sustainable.

### Short synopsis

Monty joins a shark survey and goes on a terrifying night dive. The family explore a volcano, start keeping chickens and growing their own food.

### Production details

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## Hard Quiz

In this week's #HardQuiz, Tom Gleeson welcomes Great Escape enthusiast Geoff; David Bowie die-hard Erin; Ru Paul's Drag Race superfan Chris; and Andrew, whose expert topic is... serial killers of the USA. If you thought this show was eclectic before, you ain't seen nothin' yet. Whatever happens, it should be a killer show.

### Short synopsis

#HardQuiz has never shied away from tackling the hard subjects. Tonight, that includes The Great Escape, David Bowie, Ru Paul's Drag Race...and US serial killers. And if you think the topic is unique, just wait till you meet Andrew!

### Production details

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

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## Tomorrow Tonight

Hosted by ABC favourites Charlie Pickering and Annabel Crabb, *Tomorrow Tonight* is a new 8 x 30' weekly panel show.

Each episode Charlie will introduce Annabel, and a panel of experts and comedians, to a story that would have us all glued to the news – an event that hasn't happened yet but could. Funny, illuminating and occasionally terrifying, *Tomorrow Tonight* will bring you tomorrow's news today and show us that the future is predictably unpredictable.

*Tomorrow Tonight* is the comedy panel show that gets ahead of itself by running out in front of the news cycle. As the world goes off script it is time for a show that takes a long, hard and hilarious look at "what happens next".

### Short synopsis

Charlie Pickering and Annabel Crabb dive into tomorrow's headlines. Each episode a panel of experts have to survive a ground-breaking news story as it unfolds. Can they solve the world's problems before they even happen?

### Production details

A Thinkative Television production in association with ABC TV. Executive Producers Chris Walker and Kevin Whyte. ABC EP Nick Hayden.

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## **ABC Comedy's Summer Binge on iview**

Screening from Friday 7 December on ABC iview

**ABC will keep you entertained and laughing all summer long.**

ABC will keep Australian audiences laughing throughout the long summer days with our annual comedy bonanza of specials, premieres and events in December and January.

The festive fun kicks off with ABC COMEDY's **Summer Comedy Binge on iview**, featuring some of the best comedies that will keep you in stitches.

For two months over summer on ABC iview, you'll find a wealth of Aussie comedy series including; **The Letdown** (series 1), **Rosehaven** (series 1&2), **Sando** (series 1), **Squinters** (series 1), **Superwog** (series 1), **Ronny Chieng International Student** (series 1), **Get Krack!n** (series 1), **Back in Very Small Business** (series 1), **Black Comedy** (series 3), **Comedy Up Late** (series 3 to 6), **Melbourne Comedy Festival 2018**, and the **Fresh Blood** pilots.

International titles include; **Dead Boss**, **Threesome** (series 1&2), **Way to Go** (series 1), **This Country** (series 1&2), **Zapped** (series 1&2), **Plebs** (series 1&2), **Catastrophe** (series 1 to 3), and the premiere of **Hang Ups**.

### **Short synopsis**

ABC iview will keep Australian audiences laughing throughout the long summer days with our annual comedy bonanza of specials, premieres and events in December and January.

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## Victoria

### Episode 6: Faith, Hope and Charity

News of the horrific famine in Ireland has finally reached the Queen, and Victoria (Jenna Coleman) is adamant that her government should be doing more to help. But Peel (Nigel Lindsay) is trapped, knowing that to send food to the Irish would destabilise his party and jeopardise his career. With Albert (Tom Hughes) blinded by his trust in Peel, Victoria begins to question her own convictions. Meanwhile, the shockwaves from the famine reach right into the Palace, dividing the household and bringing agony for Cleary (Tilly Steele).

No longer able to watch his parish starve, the Reverend Dr. Traill (Martin Compston) arrives on Victoria's doorstep with a determined plea for her to intervene. But will his desperate testimony be enough to overcome deep-rooted prejudices, and for Victoria to convince her Prime Minister to act? There are huge sacrifices to come, and ultimately Victoria will come to realise that, in the face of such appalling tragedy, no act of charity can be great enough.

Also starring: Dame Diana Rigg, David Oakes, Catherine Flemming, Daniela Holtz, Adrian Schiller, Nell Hudson, Leo Suter, Jordan Waller, Anna Wilson-Jones, Margaret Clunie, Bebe Cave.

### **Short synopsis**

News of the horrific famine in Ireland has finally reached the Queen. She is adamant that her government should be doing more to help, but meets with surprising opposition from her Prime Minister.

### **Production details**

A Mammoth Screen production; Creator /Writer/Exec Producer: Daisy Goodwin; MD of Mammoth Screen/Executive Producer Damien Timmer; Executive Producer: Kate McKerrell; Producer: Paul Frift; Directors: Lisa James Larsson, Geoffrey Sax, Jim Loach, Daniel O'Hara.

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