



ABC announces new Canberra television and radio line-up for 2017

New presenting team of Dan Bouchier and Craig Allen for ABC Canberra 7pm News
666 ABC Canberra announces Dan Bouchier to host Breakfast and Laura Tchilinguirian to present Afternoons; Susan McDonald joins as morning radio news presenter

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The ABC is delighted to announce exciting changes to its Canberra television and radio line-up for 2017.

From 16 January the flagship **ABC TV 7pm News** bulletin will have a new presenting team, with **Dan Bouchier** joining the ABC as Monday to Thursday presenter, alongside **Craig Allen** Friday to Sunday.

Bouchier will also host the **Breakfast** radio program on **666 ABC Canberra**.

Also from 16 January, **Laura Tchilinguirian** will take over as presenter of the 666 **Afternoons** program, following the announcement of Alex Sloan's retirement earlier this month.

Susan McDonald will join the ACT Newsroom as morning radio news presenter.

Bouchier said he was excited to be taking on the dual role for the ABC.

"These are two incredible opportunities and I appreciate the chance to join the experienced ABC Canberra team," he said. "I can't wait to explore the stories which are affecting 666 ABC Canberra listeners as they are starting the day, and talk through the matters that are most important to them.

"I'm also looking forward to joining Canberrans at the other end of the day - presenting the news of the day in the ACT, around the nation, and across the globe."

Director of News Gaven Morris said: "We're delighted to have Dan joining ABC News and thrilled to have him leading our flagship 7pm News in the nation's capital with Craig, who is already well-known to ACT audiences.

"Starting in print reporting, Dan has developed into an accomplished broadcast journalist with an impressive track record in Indigenous affairs and political reporting. He will be an asset to the team in the ABC Northbourne newsroom."

Steve McClelland, 666 ABC Canberra Local Manager, said: "We're delighted to welcome both Dan and Laura, and look forward to having them as part of the 666 team. The breadth of their combined experience and backgrounds will make for compelling listening for local audiences throughout the day."

Local listeners have become familiar with Laura over the past month while she has been presenting 666 Breakfast, following Philip Clark's move to Nightlife.

"Listeners have been so welcoming during my Breakfast stint and I'm so excited to be able to spend more time getting to know the people of Canberra and the region. I can't wait to head out into the community and explore this beautiful city and surrounds", Laura said.

Susan McDonald comes to the ACT Newsroom from the ABC's Parliament House Bureau. She is a long-time Canberra resident who will bring her reporting experience and a fresh sound to the role.

Dan Bouchier and Laura Tchilinguirian's bios are below.

Full 666 ABC Canberra radio line up

Breakfast: Dan Bouchier (5.30am-8am, 8.30am-9am)

AM: Sabra Lane (8am-8.30am)

Mornings: Genevieve Jacobs (9am-11am)

Conversations: Richard Fidler (11am-12noon)

The World Today: Eleanor Hall (12noon – 1pm)

Afternoons: Laura Tchilinguirian (1pm-3pm)

Drive: Adam Shirley (3pm-6pm)

PM: Mark Colvin (6-7pm)

Evenings: Chris Bath (Monday-Thursday) and Christine Anu (Friday-Saturday) (7pm-10pm)

Nightlife: Philip Clark (Monday-Thursday) and Sarah Macdonald (Friday-Sunday) (10pm-2am)

Overnights: Trevor Chappell (Monday-Thursday) and Rod Quinn (Friday-Sunday) (2am-6pm)

Saturday Breakfast: Greg Bayliss (6am-11am)

Sunday Brunch: Lish Fejer (10am-12noon)

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Dan Bouchier

Dan Bouchier grew up in the outback Northern Territory mining town of Tennant Creek and began reporting for the local newspaper when he was 14, going on to work for the NT News. His younger years in Tennant Creek, together with his coastal Victorian Aboriginal heritage, have instilled in him a deep interest in the culture, history and social justice issues of Australia's First Nation people.

From 2010 he was with National Indigenous Television (NITV) in Sydney and Canberra before moving to Darwin in 2012 to join Sky News as its NT bureau chief. In that role he covered stories including the fourth inquest into the death of Azaria Chamberlain, US President Barack Obama's visit to the Top End and the subsequent deployment of US Marines to the Territory. He was the first to announce the rolling of NT Chief Minister Terry Mills, breaking the news on air while the Cabinet was still in discussion. Most recently he was Political Reporter and National Indigenous Affairs Correspondent for Sky News based in Canberra.

Laura Tchilinguirian

Laura Tchilinguirian was born and raised in Sydney and moved to the ACT at the age of 19 to study Communications at the University of Canberra. She developed a passion for radio while volunteering at Canberra community radio station CSPR (now ArtSoundFM) in the early 90s.

During her seven years in Canberra, Laura worked in the news rooms at Mix 106.3 and 2CC/2CA, covering major stories including the Thredbo landslide and the Canberra Hospital implosion.

Laura has also worked as a journalist and news director in the commercial radio industry for Austereo, DMG and ARN in Sydney, Canberra, Adelaide and Melbourne.

Laura has been a presenter and producer at ABC NewsRadio since 2009, and has enjoyed a return to Canberra this year as the 666 Breakfast presenter during November and December.

One of the highlights of her career was working as the breakfast newsreader for the Andrew Denton Breakfast Show on Triple M in the early 2000s, and today Laura brings her passion for news, sport and pop culture to the ABC Local Radio team.