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Yours for summer: Laugh, relax and celebrate with ABC these holidays

ABC has something for everyone this summer, with a bumper line-up of programming to help survive the silly season. Whether entertaining family and friends, embracing the Christmas spirit or relaxing and unwinding, ABC has the perfect solution to combat festive fatigue.

ABC Grandstand's **Summer of Cricket** is the quintessential soundtrack to an Aussie summer. Now streaming on the ABC listen app, ABC audiences can relax and enjoy every ball, every wicket, every match. Uninterrupted, in depth, all summer long.

Peel a carrot and pour some milk, because over on ABC COMEDY Sammy J's climbing down your televisual chimney, with a look back on the year that was with his **The Twelve J's of Christmas**.

From the comic genius behind *Brooklyn Nine-Nine*, comes the free-to-air premiere of **The Good Place**, with Kristen Bell as a woman who awakens to the shocking realization that her life on earth has ended.

Look back on the year that was with Charlie Pickering & *The Weekly* team as they ask "2018 What the hell happened?" in **The Yearly with Charlie Pickering**.

This Christmas, we're excited about family time, holiday projects and getting the garden summer-ready in the **Gardening Australia Christmas Special!**

And Christmas is all wrapped up with festive specials from favourites **Father Brown**, **Call the Midwife**, **Victoria**, and **The Royal Variety Performance 2018** hosted by Greg Davies, in the presence of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, Harry and Meghan.

Find relief from end of year hysteria with the **ABC iview Summer Comedy Binge**. In the new Aussie comedy; **The Housemate**, Alex and Gemma get to know a host of potential housemates over several weeks, eliminating each of them until they finally find the housemate of their dreams. triple j presenters Veronica and Lewis attempt to answer the age-old question of **What Could Go Wrong?** revealing fifteen of Australia's maddest, craziest, and excruciating real-life stories, and making its Australian premiere is the British comedy series **Hang Ups** featuring Stephen Mangan as unconventional therapist Richard Pitt.

Get ready to rock this **New Year's Eve 2018!** Joining hosts Charlie Pickering and Zan Rowe from the Sydney Opera House will be an unmissable line-up of Australian and international performers, including Tim Minchin, Christine Anu and the original 'Daddy Cool', Ross Wilson. With the world-famous Sydney City Fireworks capping off the festivities at midnight, it's going to be a night not to be missed.

New Year, new you? In 2019 **Gardening Australia** is turning 30 and we're ready to party, so join the team as they gather in one of Australia's most iconic gardens on Victoria's Mornington Peninsula, for the **Gardening Australia Birthday Special!** And if your busy life is getting you down, we have just the tonic with our new series **Escape From The City** - a timely 'how to' relocation guide from hosts Jane Hall, Simon Marnie, Bryce Holdaway, Del Irani and Dean Ipaviz.



In 2019, the ABC is broadening its coverage of **Australia Day** to provide an inclusive experience for all Australians across TV, Radio, News and Social. ABC's coverage includes **The Australian of the Year** awards broadcast live from Canberra and **National Flag Raising** and **Citizenship Ceremony** live from the shores of Lake Burley Griffin.

Further details of ABC's coverage of **Australia Day** events will be announced in the new year.

Suffering from a case of FOMO? Catch up on program highlights from 2018, all available to stream on ABC iview now, including **War on Waste**, **You Can't Ask That**, **Employable Me**, **Anh's Brush with Fame** and **Exposed: The Case of Keli Lane**.

And be sure to stay tuned for more [remarkable Australian stories in 2019](#) with distinctive new dramas, documentaries and comedies on your ABC.

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Summer programming highlights

ABC

Compass Christmas Special: Ho! Ho! Ho! Telling Christmas Tales – Tuesday 18th December, 9pm on ABC and iview

The Yearly with Charlie Pickering – Wednesday 19th December, 8pm on ABC and iview

Gardening Australia Christmas Special – Friday 21st December, 7.30pm on ABC and iview

Father Brown Christmas Special: The Tree of Truth – Monday 24th December, 7.30pm on ABC and iview

Royal Variety Performance 2018 – Tuesday 25th December, 7.30pm on ABC and iview

Call the Midwife Christmas Special – Thursday 27th December, 7.30pm on ABC and iview

Victoria Christmas Special: Comfort and Joy – Tuesday 29th December, 7.30pm on ABC and iview

NYE: The Night Is Yours – Monday 31st December from 8.30pm on ABC and iview

Doctor Who Festive Special (Wednesday 2nd January, 7.30pm on ABC. iview premiere 7am AEDT

Escape From The City – Thursday 3rd January, 7.30pm (regular time 8pm) on ABC and iview

Little Women – Saturday 5th January, 7.30pm on ABC and iview

Fake or Fortune (Series 7) – Tuesday 15th January, 9.30pm on ABC and iview

Australia Day events include *Australian of the Year Awards* on Friday 25th January at 7.30pm and the *Flag Raising* and *Citizenship Ceremony* on Saturday 26th January at 9am on ABC and iview.

Gardening Australia 30th Year returns Friday 1st February, 7.30pm on ABC and iview



ABC COMEDY

Sammy J: The Twelve J's of Christmas – Thursday 13th December, 9.30pm on ABC COMEDY and iview

The Best of When TV Was Awesome – Two parts; Tuesday 11th and Tuesday 18th December, 10pm on ABC COMEDY and iview

The Good Place (Series 1) - Mondays 9.30pm from Monday 7th January on ABC COMEDY & iview

Upstart Crow (Series 3) – Fridays 10pm from Friday 4th January on ABC COMEDY & iview

WIA (Series 3) – Fridays 10.30pm from Friday 4th January on ABC COMEDY & iview

In the Long Run – Tuesdays 9.45pm from Tuesday 15th January on ABC COMEDY & iview

Timewasters – Tuesdays 10.10pm from Tuesday 8th January on ABC COMEDY & iview

All Aussie Stand-up Sundays – from Sunday 30th December to Sunday 24th February on ABC COMEDY and iview. Including; *Randy Writes A Novel*, *Adam Hills: Happyism* and *Kitty Flanagan: Charming and Alarming*.

ABC News & Current Affairs

The Summer Drum – Series Return, Wednesday 2nd January, 5.30pm on ABC and iview

Foreign Correspondent – Series Return, Tuesday 8th January, 8pm on ABC and iview

ABC ME

Mustangs FC (Series 2) – Tuesday 1st January, 5pm on ABC ME, and the complete series in the ABC ME app and on iview from 6pm

The Next Step (Series 6) – complete series available in the ABC ME app and on iview from Monday December 31st. Then daily ABC ME from Monday 14th January at 5pm

Massive Monster Mayhem – Thursday 27th December daily at 4pm, and in the ABC ME app and on iview

All Hail King Julien – Thursday 27th December daily at 5.30pm, and in the ABC ME app and on iview

Officially Amazing (Series 7) – Thursday 27th December daily at 6.25pm, and in the ABC ME app and on iview

Make It Pop Summer Special – Saturday 22nd December at 6.30pm, and in the ABC ME app and on iview

Miraculous Tales of Ladybug and Cat Noir double episode special – Monday 25th December at 5.30pm, and in the ABC ME app and on iview



News to ME Christmas Special and *New Years To ME* - Monday 24th December at 8am and Monday 31st December at 4pm respectively, and in the ABC ME app and on iview

Wishfart – Christmas episode – Sunday 23rd December at 4.30pm, and in the ABC ME app and on iview

Oddbods Christmas Special – Saturday 22nd December at 7am, and in the ABC ME app and on iview

Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed – Christmas episode – Sunday 23rd December at 6pm, and in the ABC ME app and on iview

Daily Family Movies at 6:30pm every day from Thursday 20th December on ABC ME, the ABC ME app and iview

Dance Academy: The Movie – Thursday 20th December at 6.30pm, and in the ABC ME app and on iview

Hank Zipzer's Christmas Special – Friday 21st December at 6.30pm, and in the ABC ME app and on iview

Make It Pop: Summer Special – Saturday 22nd December at 6.30pm, and in the ABC ME app and on iview

Billionaire Boy – Sunday 23rd December at 6.30pm, and in the ABC ME app and on iview

Mr Stink – Monday 24th December at 6.30pm, and in the ABC ME app and on iview

Ratburger – Tuesday 25th December at 6.30pm, and in the ABC ME app and on iview

Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes – Wednesday 26th December at 6.30pm, and in the ABC ME app and on iview

ABC ME BEST FEST Available for streaming Monday 31st December to Wednesday 30th January

The Next Step (Series 6) PREMIERE:

Dragon Ball Super PREMIERE:

Mustangs FC (Series 1)

Dance Academy (Series 1-3)

Dance Academy Movie

Nowhere Boys (Series 1-4)

Little Lunch

So Awkward (Series 4)

Find Me in Paris

Grace Beside Me



Nippers

The Deep (Series 1-2)

The Flamin' Thongs

Dennis & Gnasher

Shezow

Winston Steinburger and Sir Dudley Ding Dong

Little J and Big Cuz

ABC KIDS

Rita and Crocodile – Monday 3rd December at 8.40am on ABC KIDS, the ABC KIDS app and iView

Thomas and Friends: Big World! Big Adventures! The Movie – Monday 24th December at 2pm, on ABC KIDS, the ABC KIDS app and iView

Thomas and Friends, "The Christmas Coffee Pot" – Sunday 9th December at 5.40pm on ABC KIDS, the ABC KIDS app and iView

Thomas and Friends, "Daisy's Perfect Christmas" – Sunday 16th December at 5.40pm on ABC KIDS, the ABC KIDS app and iView

Pingu in the City, "Pingu Saves Christmas" – Sunday 9th December at 5.55pm on ABC KIDS, the ABC KIDS app and iView

Lily's Driftwood Bay: Christmas Crashed (Special) – Sunday 16th December at 5.50pm on ABC KIDS, the ABC KIDS app and iView

ABC iView

You Can't Ask That (Series 1-3)

Employable Me

Back in Time For Dinner

Anh's Brush with Fame (Series 3)

Exposed: The Case of Keli Lane

Barrenjoey Road

Don't Stop the Music

War on Waste (Series 2)

Classic Countdown Concert



Summer Comedy Binge Available for streaming Wednesday 5th December to Thursday 7th February

The Letdown

Rosehaven (Series 1 & 2)

Sando

Squinters

Superwog

Ronny Chieng International Student

Get Krack!n'

Back in Very Small Business

Black Comedy (Series 3)

Comedy Up Late (Series 4, 5 & 6)

Melbourne Comedy Festival 2018

Melbourne Comedy Festival 2017

Fresh Blood: The Angus Project (Pilot)

Fresh Blood: Be Your Own Boss (Pilot)

Fresh Blood: Koala Man (Pilot)

Fresh Blood: Why Are You Like This (Pilot)

Dead Boss

Threesome (Series 1 & 2)

Way to Go (Series 1)

This Country (Series 1 & 2)

Zapped (Series 1 & 2)

Plebs (Series 1, 2 & 3)

Catastrophe (Series 1, 2 & 3)

Hang Ups (Series 1)

Gary And His Demons (Series 1)

What Could Wrong? (Series 1)

The Housemate



Summer Drama Binge – Available for streaming Wednesday 5th December to Thursday 7th February

Mystery Road

Killing Eve

Harrow

Pine Gap

F!#ing Adelaide*

Deadlock

Cleverman (Series 1 & 2)

Friday on My Mind

Pulse

Doctor Who (Series 11) *plus the Doctor Who Festive Special*

Janet King (Series 3)

Jack Irish (Series 2)

Christmas Specials

Sammy J: The Twelve J's of Christmas

The League of Gentlemen Special

Upstart Crow: A Christmas Crow

Catherine Tate Christmas Special

A Very Sexy Xmas with Stephen Oliver

Absolutely Fabulous Christmas Special

Outnumbered Christmas Special

Gardening Australia Christmas Special

Call the Midwife Christmas Special

Victoria Christmas Special

Doctor Who Festive Special

Would I Lie to You? At Christmas – Special

Mock the Week: Christmas Special

Never Mind the Buzzcocks: Christmas Special



Williams and Friend: Christmas Special

Michael McIntyre's Christmas Comedy Roadshow

Detectorists: Christmas Special

ABC listen

Unravel True Crime

Animal Sound Safari

Fierce Girls

Short & Curly

Imagine This

Cosmic Vertigo

Santo, Sam and Ed's Total Football

Ladies, We Need to Talk

The Pineapple Project

The Signal

Russia, if You're Listening

Conversations

Great Moments in Science

Off Track

Cricket Coverage on ABC listen

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