

Robbie Buck and Wendy Harmer join forces to co-host Breakfast on ABC Radio Sydney, and Cassie McCullagh to present new mornings program in 2018

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On Monday 22 January, Sydney will wake up to the new sound of two very familiar ABC Radio Sydney broadcasters, with **Robbie Buck** and **Wendy Harmer** teaming up to co-host **Breakfast** on weekdays in 2018.

Robbie and Wendy will present an extended show in a new shared timeslot from 6.00am to 10.00am (with a 30-minute break for **AM**, hosted by Sabra Lane at 8.00am). The program will bring Sydneysiders all the news and views they need to start their day with a strong emphasis on Sydney stories, including sport, traffic and weather updates and of course, great conversation.

"We're really excited," said Wendy. "The two of us get on famously and we're looking forward to our conversations with listeners and sharing all the local Sydney stories Robbie and I love. But you can be sure we'll also be covering all the big issues and holding politicians to account."

"It's a little bit like learning to dance together," said Robbie of the double-header. "And it's also a bit like bringing two families together. We can't wait to share what we have planned for this year."

ABC Local Manager in Sydney Cath Dwyer said, "We're thrilled to have two of Australia's most experienced broadcasters to present our new Breakfast program in 2018. Our listeners can expect to hear the best of both dynamic presenters – it's a perfect way to start your day".

ABC presenter **Cassie McCullagh** will host a new mornings program called **Focus**, weekdays from 10.00-11.00am, commencing 22 January, 2018. Cassie will be familiar to ABC Radio audiences, most recently presenting RN's flagship social affairs program *Life Matters*.

"Focus is a new show that aims to provide clarity and context to the stories making news as well as how we live our lives," said Cassie. "It's a chance to take a broader view and together, make more sense of the world around us."

Myf Warhurst will kick off each afternoon from 12.30pm–2.00pm with a great mix of music, culture and everything in between. A national program based out of Melbourne, Myf will talk with the people creating the art that helps us make sense of the world, celebrate the classics and discover new music that you need to know about right now.

Afternoons with **James Valentine** and **Drive** with **Richard Glover** will shift later into the day with **Afternoons** from 2.00pm to 4.00pm and **Drive** from 4.00pm to 6.30pm, bringing audiences more local updates, traffic and news during key commute times.

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Full ABC Radio Sydney 2018 line up

Breakfast: Robbie Buck and Wendy Harmer (6.00am-10.00am)

AM: Sabra Lane (8.00am-8.30am)

Focus Sydney: Cassie McCullagh (10.00am-11.00am)

Conversations: Richard Fidler and Sarah Kanowski (11.00am-12noon)

The World Today: Eleanor Hall (12noon-12.30pm)

Myf Warhurst (12.30pm-2.00pm)

Afternoons: James Valentine (2.00pm-4.00pm)

Drive: Richard Glover (4.00pm-6.30pm) PM: Linda Mottram (6.30pm-7.00pm)

Evenings: Chris Bath (Monday-Thursday) and Christine Anu (Friday-Saturday) (7.00pm-10.00pm) Nightlife: Philip Clark (Monday-Thursday) (10.00pm-2.00am) and Sarah Macdonald (Friday-Sunday) Overnights: Trevor Chappell (Monday-Thursday) and Rod Quinn (Friday-Sunday) (2.00am-6.00am)

Weekends: Simon Marnie (Saturday: 5.30am-12noon, Sunday: 10.00am-12noon)

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