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## ABC Launches Barrier-Breaking Podcast It's Not A Race

Beverley Wang hosts the podcast Australia needs right now

Blackface – what the heck? Asians – gather around. White people – you have a race too. A new barrier-breaking ABC podcast, *It's Not A Race* asks Australia to talk about race.

Presented by executive producer of *RN Drive*, **Beverley Wang**, *It's Not A Race* takes a fearless look at the deeply ingrained issues of race and identity that define and divide us across our multicultural nation.

"This is the podcast Australia needs right now," says Wang. "Race, racism and difference are part of everyday life. We need the tools to acknowledge and talk about these subjects, especially if they're out of our comfort zone. We also need spaces for people of colour to share their stories and experiences on their own terms. It's Not A Race aims to talk it all out with humour and frankness."

Hear experiences, opinion and insights from commentators, culture makers and influencers who provide their takes on where race sits on our national radar, and how it can and does influence our daily lives.

Featured guests include Stan Grant, Professor Marcia Langton, Bjorn Stewart, Alice Pung, Santilla Chingaipe, Tim Soutphommasane, Aamer Rahman, Nkechi Anele, Lucie Cutting, Robin DiAngelo, Caz Tran, Michael Hing, Allan Clarke, Rosalie Kunoth-Monks and Faustina Agolley.

Throughout the course of the program, *It's Not A Race* will be reaching out to listeners to share their own anecdotes and accounts of race and identity. Write to us at <a href="mailto:notarace@abc.net.au">notarace@abc.net.au</a> or use the <a href="mailto:#notarace">#notarace</a> hashtag to join the conversation on social media.

Episodes 1 and 2 are now available. Subscribe to *It's Not A Race* on the <u>ABC Radio app</u>, <u>Apple</u> Podcasts, or wherever you get your favourite podcasts.

## **About Beverley Wang**

Beverley Wang is a journalist, producer and executive producer with experience working for major media organisations in Australia and the United States. Since joining the ABC in 2009, she has produced news, current affairs and magazine-style programs for Radio Australia, ABC NewsRadio and RN. Since late 2012, she has been executive producer of RN's flagship *RN Drive* program. As a US-based reporter for the Associated Press from 2004-2008, Beverley covered everything from New England fall foliage to the New Hampshire presidential primaries. She is a graduate of the University of Toronto, and holds a Master of Arts degree in Journalism from New York University. **Beverley is available for interview.** 

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