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Sunday 7 May to
Saturday 13 May
2017



Week 19 Highlights



Seven Types Of Ambiguity
Thursday 11 May 8.30pm



The Warriors
Wednesday 10 May 9.30pm



Anh's Brush With Fame
Wednesday 10 May 8.00pm



Budget 2017
Tuesday 9 May from 7.30



Seven Types Of Ambiguity

Gina works towards Simon's hearing, building his defence. She quickly realises the enormous opportunity the case presents for her career as doors begin to open. However, while Gina puts in the long hours required, she wrestles with the strain this puts on her two daughters left in the hands of their begrudging nanny, as well as navigating their reactions to her tentative new relationship with Alex.



Gina faces obstacles with the case as Simon's parents threaten to terminate payment of his legal fees, and Simon himself remains evasive on the details of his relationship with Anna. Despite Alex's best intentions, his involvement in the case appears to be driven more by loyalty than logic, leaving Gina to sift through his lengthy theories. Meanwhile, the fallout of Alex's fumbling handling of his recent separation lands on Gina, who realises they may not quite be ready for a relationship.

New evidence continues to surface as the trial begins, and with volatile witnesses swinging the case in an out of their favour, Gina is unable to predict what will happen next. CAST: Susie Porter, Hugo Weaving, Alex Dimitriades, Leeanna Walsman, Xavier Samuel, Anthony Hayes and Andrea Demetriades.

#SevenTypes

Short synopsis

Gina comes to realize the importance of a high profile case such as Simon's for her future career. However, her personal and professional relationship with Alex is tested when his over investment in Simon's case threatens the defense of her client. CAST: Susie Porter.

Production details

The Australian Broadcasting Corporation and Screen Australia present in association with Film Victoria a Matchbox Pictures production. Based on the novel written by Elliot Perlman. Screenwriters: Jacquelin Perske, Jonathan Gavin, Marieke Hardy. Executive Producers: Tony Ayres, Jacquelin Perske. ABC Executive Producers: Christopher Gist and Brett Sleigh. Producer: Amanda Higgs. Directors: Glendyn Ivin, Ana Kokkinos, Matt Saville.

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Anh's Brush With Fame

Beloved comedian, author and artist Anh Do returns with a second instalment of the hugely popular series *Anh's Brush with Fame*, getting up close and personal with an exciting new line-up of popular Australian celebrities to paint their portrait. As Anh paints his guests, he chats to them to discover their history and what makes them tick, shaping the way he represents them.



#AnhsBrushWithFame

Short synopsis

Anh Do paints one of Australia's greatest ever Olympic legends, Ian Thorpe, who shares the mixed blessings of his early success and his ongoing private battle with depression.

Production details

A Screentime Production. Executive Producer Johnny Lowry. Head of Factual Steve Bibb

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★Top Pick

Tuesday 9 May from 7.30pm



Budget 2017: An ABC NEWS Special

The 2017 Federal Budget will be handed down on Tuesday May 9 and the ABC has the most comprehensive, independent coverage on TV, iView, radio, online and on mobile.

We'll have the first interviews with Treasurer Scott Morrison and Shadow Treasurer Chris Bowen, as well as the best analysis and expert commentary from the ABC's leading political and business teams.



What's the state of the nation's finances in this fiscal year? And what does Budget 2017 mean for you? Know the numbers, the politics and the impact with ABC NEWS.

Simulcast on ABC TV, ABC NEWS & iView

7.30pm Budget 2017: The Treasurer's Speech

8.00pm Budget 2017: A One Hour Special The Budget Explained

Budget 2017: Continuing Analysis Exclusive To ABC NEWS – from 9.00pm AEST

Lateline Budget Special - 9.30pm AEST on ABC NEWS / 10.30pm on ABC TV

The Drum Budget Special - 10.05pm AEST on ABC NEWS / 11.10pm on ABC TV

The Business Budget Special 10.45pm AEST on ABC NEWS / 11.45pm on ABC TV

Short synopsis

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Production details

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The Warriors

Doc's latest scandal causes The Warriors to lose their sponsorship. With time running out to find a new sponsor, Bill turns to Fast Freddy for help, the unscrupulous owner of a gambling website called TruBet. Freddy agrees to sponsor The Warriors in exchange for information about upcoming games. Doc refuses to get involved until he sees that if he doesn't, Bill will involve Maki instead. Will Doc risk his own career to spare Maki and save the team?

CAST: Gordon Churchill, Nelson Baker, Lisa McCune, Reece Milne, John Howard and Vince Colosimo.



#WarriorsABC

Short synopsis

When Doc's latest scandal causes The Warriors to lose their sponsorship, he learns that sometimes you need to do wrong to set things right. CAST: Gordon Churchill, John Howard and Lisa McCune.

Production details

An Arenamedia production in association with Screen Australia, ABC and Film Victoria. Written by Jon Bell, Tracey Rigney, Tony Briggs. Directed by Adrian Russell Wills, Beck Cole, Steven McGregor and Catriona McKenzie. Story Producer Justin Monjo. Produced by Robert Connolly, John Harvey and Liz Kearney. Screen Australia Executive Producer: Penny Smallacombe. ABC Executive Producers: Sally Riley and Jo Bell.

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Octonauts

Captain Barnacles, Kwazii, Peso, Dashi, Shellington, Tweak, Professor Inking and Turnip are back with three new exciting underwater adventures!

Based on the books by Meomi: Vicki Wong & Michael C Murphy, the Octonauts are a team of quirky and courageous undersea adventurers who are always ready to dive into action! Their mission: to explore new underwater worlds, rescue amazing sea creatures and protect the ocean.

Episode 22: Octonauts and the Tiger Shark

Tweak must help her friend Sandy the sea turtle escape a hungry tiger shark.

Episode 23: Octonauts and the Coconut Crisis

Kwazii and the Octonauts help their friends the coconut crabs discover who is stealing their coconuts.

Episode 24: Octonauts and the Sunfish

The Octonauts must help a giant sunfish who can't swim straight, before it hurts other sea creatures and itself.

Production details

Vampire Squid Productions

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Sunday 7 May

First on iView in the morning, then 7.40pm on ABC TV & ABC ME



Doctor Who

Knocking on the **Doctor Who** door, David Suchet takes up a guest cast role of the Landlord during episode four.

Travelling through time and space, the fourth episode will screen on ABC iView on Sunday May 7, immediately following the UK broadcast.

If you plan to sleep in on Sunday, or want to relive all the action, then tune into ABC or ABC ME that night at 7.40pm as the channels simulcast the fourth episode.

Doctor Who, series 10, sees Peter Capaldi embark on his thrilling final chapter as the Twelfth Doctor as well as the introduction of brand new companion Pearl Mackie as Bill Potts and the return of Matt Lucas as Nardole.

During this new series, fantastic adventures and terrifying monsters await the team of heroes as they journey through space and time in this latest instalment of the globally-renowned drama. Expect laughter, danger and exhilarating escapades in this final series under the helm of lead writer and executive producer Steven Moffat.

Series 10 also sees the return of the original Mondasian Cybermen, much-feared classic foe. The Mondasian Cybermen – the original version of the Doctor's deadly enemies – hail from the planet Mondas and have not been seen in Doctor Who for over fifty years.

Peter Capaldi first stepped into the TARDIS in 2013, and will leave the iconic role in the 2017 Christmas Special after three incredible series of the BBC's global hit sci-fi drama. Peter Capaldi's final series also marks writer and executive producer Steven Moffat's last so promises to be unmissable event television.

#DoctorWho

Short synopsis

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Production details

A BBC Production

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Whovians & John Conway Tonight

ABC2 is the place to be on Sunday nights. Geek out with Rove and his team of superfans during **Whovians**, then get ready to laugh at the crazy antics of John Conway and his crew during his version of a tonight show, **John Conway Tonight**.

Tonight Rove, Adam, and Tegan, with special guests comedian Alice Fraser and activist Yassmin Abdel-Magied, will dissect episode four of *Doctor Who*. Delving into the world of *Doctor Who*, they'll also analyse, critique & unravel the mysteries of this globally renowned series.

#WhoviansAU

Then John Conway bursts onto the screen ready to be the tonight show host Australian TV never knew it needed.

During the smallest tonight show in the world, from the smallest nightclub in the world. John will dance, entertain, interview smashing guests and endeavour to keep the chaos in order, all while the literal and metaphorical walls of his own show collapse around him.

He's joined by his sidekick Aaron Chen, his manager Robbie Tarocash and the best handpicked Australian comedic talent, including: Will Erimya, Jenna Owen, Ben Russell, Victoria Zerbst, Penny Greenhalgh, Sam Campbell, Clinton Haines, Tom Walker and Edan Lacey.

#JohnConwayTonight

Short Synopsis

Join the Doctor Who after party where superfans Rove McManus, Tegan Higginbotham, Adam Richard & Steven O'Donnell discuss the latest episodes, answer your questions and basically geek out about Doctor Who.

Short synopsis

Busting out of the comedy scene already wearing a suit and tie, John Conway is ready to be the tonight show host Australian TV never knew it needed – late night talk shows are back in Australia, baby!

Production details

Whovians is an ABC Production. John Conway Tonight is A GNWTV production

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Grantchester

(Episode 2 – Series begins Sunday 30 April)

James Norton and Robson Green will return as the unlikely 1950s crime fighting duo, Vicar Sidney Chambers and Police Inspector Geordie Keating, in Grantchester, based on The Grantchester Mysteries by James Runcie.

In the third series of Grantchester, new Archdeacon Gabriel Atubo reminds Sidney (Norton) that as clergyman he must put duty above his own needs and lead by example. Given the strength of his feelings for Amanda (Morven Christie), is this something that Sidney can do?

On the face of it, Geordie (Green) is still happily married to Cathy (Kacey Ainsworth). But there continues to be an undeniable spark between himself and feisty police secretary Margaret (Seline Hizli). Leonard (Al Weaver) was left heartbroken after Daniel (Oliver Dimsdale) left him for another man, but in this series he appears to put this behind him and find romantic happiness with someone else. But will those around him allow him this happiness?

Mrs Maguire's (Tessa Peake-Jones) friendship with dashing Jack (Nick Brimble) develops, but can anyone ever replace her late husband Ronnie?

Lorne MacFadyen stars again as DC Phil Wilkinson. And of course it wouldn't be Grantchester without the return of the gorgeous black Labrador Dickens.

Peter Davison will guest star in the series as Geoff Towler, the village solicitor, captain of the cricket team and a man who rules his family with a rod of iron.

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Production details

Grantchester is a Kudos and MASTERPIECE co-production for ITV; Executive Producer Diederick Santer; Series Producer Emma Kingsman-Lloyd; Lead Writer/Executive Producer: Daisy Coulam Writers: John Jackson (Being Human, Grantchester), Oliver Frampton (Life of Crime, Fleming), Jess Williams (Inspector George Gently, Call The Midwife); Directors: Tim Fywell, Rebecca Gatward, Rob Evans and Ed Bennett; Associate Producer: James Runcie; Rebecca Eaton will executive produce on behalf of PBS/MASTERPIECE.

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Life and Death Row

A look at capital punishment through the eyes of young people whose lives have been shaped by it, including interviews from those on death row and their families.

The 2014 murder of 18-year-old Justin Black in Ohio led to the arrests of 19-year-old friends Austin Myers and Tim Mosley, who then gave different stories to the police after being arrested. With access to the filmed confessions of both boys, this film shines a disturbing light on the American criminal justice system, as investigators attempt to ascertain which one is telling the truth and what each of the accused will do to save themselves from the death penalty.

Short synopsis

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Production details

A BBC Documentaries production

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You Can't Ask That

Not many groups of people in Australia are more feared or misunderstood than refugees. In this episode we hear from refugees about their experience of Australia. The people, the culture and their new home.

Addressing people's choice to 'queue jump' and come to Australia by boat, Atong Atem who arrived with her mother by plane on a humanitarian visa, says *"I feel like if I was in the position of my family...and there was an option to get to Australia in six months instead of waiting for six years, I would do that."* John Gulzari who arrived by boat in 1999 says, *"Put yourself in my shoes, if your family is being threatened, if there is a disaster or a war, would you think 'is this legal or illegal? Oh, let me fill out the form'. When your life is hanging in the balance, you don't think about legal or illegal."*

When Yaser Naseri fled Iran he attempted to come to Australia via people smugglers. The boat sank and only 47 of the 250 people on board survived. Confronted with the question, 'You come from a violent backwards country aren't we right to be scared of you?' he responds, *"You have to separate government from the people. People who come here, who live in countries that are in war, they are not the government and they are not terrorists."*

Morteza Poorvadi spent 4 years in Australian detention centres. While in detention, he sewed his lips together to protest the treatment of detainees. When asked, 'There's barely enough jobs and welfare for Australia why should we look after you too?', Morteza addresses all Australians, *"If you become unemployed, the government is there to help you. And you know what mate, my taxes are paying for that. And I'm glad."*

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Production details

An ABC Original Series. Series Directors/Producers Kirk Docker and Aaron Smith. ABC Executive Producer Lou Porter. ABC Head of Entertainment Jon Casimir.

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The Aliens

After Lilyhot (Michaela Coel) reveals to Lewis that his real alien father Antoine (Michael Socha) is in prison, Lewis agrees to help break him out. Meanwhile Truss, who works as a border control guard with Lewis, begins to suspect that Lewis is involved in some shady dealings.

After the successful prison break, Lewis finally meets Antoine (Michael Smiley), his real father, for the first time, though their relationship gets off to a rocky start...On hearing of Antoine's escape, Fabian, the criminal boss of Troy and Antoine's old nemesis, sets a bounty on Antoine's head.

Aided by Lilyhot and Dominic, Lewis helps smuggle Antoine back to Troy. Lewis then witnesses Antoine's dark side as he begins to wonder if breaking Antoine out of prison was the smartest idea.

Starring Michael Socha, Michaela Coel, Ashley Walters. Jim Howick, Michael Smiley, Trystan Gravelle, Chanel Cresswell, Holli Dempsey, Shaun Parkes.

Short synopsis

Lilyhot reveals to Lewis that his real alien father Antoine is in prison, while Truss, a border control guard, begins to suspect that Lewis is involved in some shady dealings. CAST: Michael Socha, Michaela Coel, Jim Howick.

Production details

Clerkenwell Films for E4; Written by Fintan Ryan; Executive Producers: Murray Ferguson, Petra Fried and Matt Jarvis; Directed by Jonathan Van Tulleken and Lawrence Gough; Produced by Charlie Leech.

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Comedy Up Late

Direct from the 2017 Melbourne International Comedy Festival, ABC brings the boldest comedy names along with the madness of the festival and delivers them straight to our television screens.

Now in its 5th year, this hilarious 10-part series features some of the best and brightest up and coming new talent. This year's hosts include Ivan Aristeguieta, Nath Valvo, Mel Buttle, Sam Taunton and DeAnne Smith (CAN/USA), as well as sets from side-splitting local and international comedians like Susie Youssef, Daniel Townes, Guy Montgomery (NZ), Tom Walker, Janelle James (USA), Matt Stewart, Fortune Feimster (USA), Laura Davis, Neeti Palta (India), Dane Simpson, Emma Sidi (UK) and many more.

Comedy Up Late showcases performances by hilarious local and international comedians including Susie Youssef, Daniel Townes, Guy Montgomery (NZ), Tom Walker, Janelle James (USA), Matt Stewart, Fortune Feimster (USA), Abandoman (IRE/UK), Laura Davis, Neeti Palta (India), Dane Simpson, Emma Sidi (UK) and many more.

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River

With his career and access to friend and colleague Stevie's (Nicola Walker) case resting on the outcome of his psychiatric report, River (Stellan Skarsgard) must keep his unofficial investigations into Stevie's death to himself.

This sends tensions high with his new partner Ira (Adeel Akhtar) who fears being dragged down by River's instability, and Chrissie (Lesley Manville), who needs River working on his own caseload, most pressingly investigating a suspicious workplace accident that has left a foreman fighting for his life.

But River's mind is elsewhere as the discovery that Stevie has been keeping secrets forces him to reassess how well he knew his best friend and colleague. Unearthing new information about who Stevie spoke with in the lead up to her murder throws suspicion on somebody close to her; somebody with real motive.

Short synopsis

The discovery of secrets sees River reassessing how well he knew his colleague. Unlocking her voicemails throws suspicion on somebody close – a person with real motive and a history of violence. CAST: Stellan Skarsgard

Production details

Kudos Film & Television Limited MMXV; Created and written by Abi Morgan; Executive Producers: Jane Featherstone, Manda Levin, Abi Morgan; Produced by Chris Carey; Directed by Richard Laxton, Tim Fywell, Jessica Hobbs.

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The Halcyon

Having discovered their affair, Lucien is blackmailing Adil (Akshay Kumar) to spy on Toby (Edward Bluemel). As he lies in bed, watching Adil get dressed, Toby is touched that Adil arranges to have coffee sent up for Toby, having worked through the night. But as he goes into the bathroom, a nervous and shamefaced Adil reaches into Toby's briefcase, absorbing every piece of information he can...

Betsey (Kara Tointin) catches the eye of a charming handsome man who insists she have a drink with him. Sonny (Sope Dirusu) has to intervene, and the incident is on the surface dealt with in a civil manner. But Noel, our handsome man, is jolted when he turns back to see Betsey in an embrace with the black band leader...and complains to Garland (Steven McIntyre).

Garland meanwhile has entrusted Emma (Hermione Corfield) to take over running the celebrations for the 50th anniversary of the hotel; and she also accepts a dinner invitation from Joe O'Hara (Matt Ryan).

MI5 arrive and upend Toby's entire room, but Lucien swoops in, all calm and control, belying his quiet terror as he sees the very documents he forced Adil to pour over being handled by the officials. Freddie (Jamie Blackley) returns and calls together Garland, Emma, Lucien and his mother (Olivia Williams), to attempt to work out the best strategy to clear Toby's name. Lucien must tread a fine line between naked self-preservation and being seen to do the best for the Hamiltons.

Freddie succeeds in getting his brother out, and he and Garland share a glass of whisky, where Freddie uses their new found working relationship to express his desire to try and mend things with Emma. Garland only has one wish – that he never sees her hurt again. Freddie goes to find her, but couldn't have picked a worse time.

Short synopsis

Lucien forces Adil to spy on Toby; Sonny fights off an admirer of Betsey; Emma is given charge of the 50th anniversary celebrations; and when MI5 arrive and arrest Toby, Freddie returns to save the day. CAST: Jamie Blackley.

Production details

Left Bank Pictures; Creator and writer: Charlotte Jones; Executive Producers: Andy Harries, Sharon Hughff.

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