

# ABC HIGHLIGHTS



## HAWKE: THE LARRIKIN & THE LEADER

Series Premieres Sunday 11 February 7.40pm



## SQUINTERS

Wednesday 14 February 9.00pm



## MYCHONNY: THE CHINABOY SHOW

Series Premieres Tuesday 13 February 10.30pm



# WEEK 7

SUNDAY 11 TO SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2018



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## Hawke: The Larrikin and The Leader

At a time of much public distrust of politicians, there's a former Prime Minister who's still embraced as one of the mob.

From the moment he arrived on the national scene as a fiery trade unionist, Bob Hawke was the rock god of Aussie politics. But he was also a man beset by demons, whose personal life nearly torpedoed his career.

How did this flawed man become a leader we'd never forget?

From his barnstorming arrival on the national scene as a trade unionist unlike any other, to his eventual exit as the first Labor Prime Minister to be rolled by his own party, this 2 part documentary unpacks the paradoxes and impact of Hawke's leadership and legacy.

Drawing on the most extensive television interviews with Bob Hawke ever conducted, as well as firsthand accounts from those on all sides of politics and society – including John Howard, Bill Kelty, John Eales, Peter Garrett, Meredith Burgmann, Blanche d'Alpuget, Dennis Richardson and Susan Ryan – we reveal the real Bob Hawke.

It's the story of a man riven with contradictions - the ruthlessly competitive Rhodes scholar hidden behind the matey bloke, the academic outsider who rose to become the trade union's most high-profile leader; the fearless campaigner who helped make the unions one of the most influential forces in the country, but who also became mates with the bosses.

It's the story of the emotional, impulsive man of the people who would prove his iron-clad discipline and work ethic, time and again, to govern in a way no one expected. It's the story of a man who used his charm strategically only to trip over his charisma and become one of our most caricatured Prime Ministers.

Above all, it's the story of a man who was elected to lead the country after being in parliament for little more than two years. The unreconstructed populist who led the greatest reforming government Australia has ever known, and who re-imagined and re-shaped Australia for the 21st century.

With the help of those closest to the action, we unpeel Bob Hawke's story to explore the realities and contradictions that made him the leader he was.

**Short synopsis**

We've never been so wary of politicians, but there was a time when things were different. This two part biography takes a revelatory look at the times & leadership that made Bob Hawke a Prime Minister we'd never forget.

**Production details**

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ABC iVIEW



## Squinters

Squinters celebrates the comically mundane peak-hour ritual for the workers of Kosciusko, a consumer goods dispatch center under threat of takeover, as they commute into the rising sun each morning and again as they return at days end.

High school enemies reminisce over school yard antics, a time-poor single mum juggles dating, a career and two children, girlfriends plan of one day owning a yoga-wine bar, eco warriors negotiate an awkward workplace relationship and a middle-aged man grapples with a possible redundancy and a recalcitrant dog.

When rumour of wide scale redundancy spreads through Kosciusko, speculation begins as to who will be impacted and how. But the day-to-day commute continues as our heroes fall in and out of love, are promoted and demoted, and fight the good fight of life, death and losing testicles.

In episode one, Paul starts a carpool and invites Romi. Lukas' promotion turns into redundancy. Macca gets run over, Talia is hired as Simoni's supervisor and Mia crushes Bridget's cool status.

Starring Jacki Weaver, Damon Herriman, Tim Minchin, Mandy McElhinney, Miranda Tapsell, Andrea Demetriades, Sam Simmons, Wayne Blair, Susie Youssef, Rose Matafeo, Nayasha Hafendi, Justin Rosniak, Steen Raskopoulos, Jon Luc, Jenna Owen and Christiaan Van Vuuren.

### Short synopsis

A comic celebration of the mundane peak-hour ritual for workers at a goods dispatch centre under threat of takeover, as they commute into the rising sun each morning and again as they return home at the end of the day.

### Production details

Jungle

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## Mychonny: The Chinaboy Show

With the success of *Mychonny* and the webseries *Mychonny Moves In* and *Mychonny's Asian Gangsters* video, John Luc (aka mychonny Youtube star) and rising stand-up comedian star Tien Tran have joined forces again to create *MYCHONNY: THE CHINABOY SHOW*.

*MYCHONNY: THE CHINABOY SHOW* is a narrative comedy series starring John Luc. It's a mix of 'Fresh off the Boat', 'Inside Amy Schumer' and 'The Chappelle Show' it features scripted and non-scripted comedy. Combining the slapstick of Asian comedy (aka Stephen Chow and Ken Jeong) and the insight and wit around race and social commentary.

A comedy showcase of new characters, we meet OLD MAN FU, a mainland Chinese tourist who is stuck in Perth and believes he is still in China, shocking the city with his antics and questionable hygiene. Across the street a frustrated TAXI driver who has had one passenger too many ask for water, mints and forget to pay. The unsuspecting passenger goes on the ride of her life when her taxi driver decides to take on uber single handedly.

In China, Samantha Sawley reports live on how the internet and bit torrenting have ruined the entertainment industry and the jobs of hardworking industrious citizens. One in particular ZANG, a man whose business sales have plummeted - now being forced to consider closing his store, a store that specializes in DVD film piracy. In Beijing, film director MARTIN is looking to cast the perfect Australian to play the villain or the sixth supporting cast member.

He is looking for an Australian who has a strong accent, the ability to wrestle a crocodile, surf and eat kangaroo - go with him on his journey to find the next star. We cross over to Vietnam's top match-maker CANDY who shares her secrets to success... Why work at a nail salon, live in a third world country or share your bed with a chicken when you can Marry into Wealth today!

Back in Australia a white man is diagnosed by DOCTOR LUC with Yellow Fever...with the only cure being Asian parents! Meanwhile Rose is on the verge of curing cancer, but it's not good enough in the eyes of her mother... why no boyfriend?

## Episode one - *Chinese Film Piracy*

John Luc takes us on a journey through *Chinese Film Piracy*, while parodying *The Ring* and investigating Australia as *Old Man Fu* in *Fake Tourist*.

All episodes of Mychonny: The Chinaboy Show are now available to binge anytime on iView.

### **Short synopsis**

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### **Production details**

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## Shaun Micallef's MAD AS HELL

In a move guaranteed to prompt a flurry of poorly worded questions at the next Senate Estimates Committee, Shaun Micallef's MAD AS HELL returns in 2018 for its own record-breaking eighth season. Like a frenzied ape running amok in a museum of priceless Tiffany lamps, the Mad As team cleverly deconstructs Australian politics in the hope that it can be rebuilt into something more useful, like a giant Lithium battery, a climate policy that makes sense or perhaps an ashtray.

Stars Shaun Micallef, Roz Hammond, Emily Taheny, Stephen Hall and Tosh Greenslade - with special guest star Francis Greenslade as 'Dr Smith'.

### Production details

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Thursday 15 February at 8.00pm



## Call The Midwife

The phenomenally successful series starring Jenny Agutter, Helen George and Linda Bassett returns with more touching and compelling stories from the nurses and nuns of Nonnatus House.

The midwives receive a rapturous welcome when they return from their South African adventure - but all is not well at Nonnatus House.

In their absence, Sister Ursula has been running a very tight ship and it is quickly announced that she will remain in charge at Nonnatus House, above Sister Julienne.

Sister Ursula makes unpopular changes, but bound by a vow of obedience Sister Julienne is unable to challenge her. As the Nonnatuns chafe under the new rules, the midwives are drawn into helping heavily pregnant mother Trudy Watts, whose husband has just been released from prison for extortion.

Gradually, the problems below the surface of the marriage become clear: a victim of domestic abuse Trudy is desperate for a divorce but risks losing her home, her good name and crucially, access to her children. Trapped and with no clear way out, Trudy's suffering sends shock waves through Nonnatus House, most noticeably affecting Sister Mary Cynthia who is suffering with increasing anxiety following her recent attack.

Elsewhere, Shelagh is harbouring a secret and struggles to tell Dr Turner, and Patsy receives some distressing news about her father in Hong Kong.

### Short synopsis

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### Production details

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## Lunar New Year

The Lunar New Year is a dynamic, colourful, ancient tradition - one of the biggest cultural celebrations in the world. It is enjoyed by a large number of young Australians and their families regardless of their ancestry. 2018 brings us the Year of the Dog and ABC Children's looks forward to celebrating this with Aussie children around the country.

ABC KIDS is celebrating with the broadcast premiere of the three Asian language **Play School Story Time** episodes, and Jimmy Giggles, Hoot and Giggles Bones throw a puppy party!

Plus, ABC KIDS will air dog themed episodes of some of pre-schoolers favourite shows throughout the day, including **Peppa Pig**, **Hey Duggee**, **Bing**, **Fireman Sam**, **Octonauts** and **Dot**.

### **Play School Story Time: Languages from 2.10pm on ABC KIDS and ABC KIDS iview**

Asian language speaking families and families with an interest in developing Mandarin, Cantonese or Japanese as a second language, will be able to enjoy watching these language versions of the Play School Story Time. (these titles are all subtitled in English and the original versions read in English are also available on ABC KIDS iview)

### **Play School Story Time: Karen Pang – Cantonese – Diary of a Wombat – 2.10pm on ABC KIDS and ABC iview**

Play School favourite Karen Pang joins her Play School friends on the Story Time couch to share a delightful and entertaining peek into the life of one very busy wombat! Don't miss Jackie French and illustrator Bruce Whatley's Diary Of A Wombat in Cantonese!

### **Play School Story Time: Kumi Taguchi – Japanese – Too Many Pears – 2.20pm on ABC KIDS and ABC iview**

ABC News presenter Kumi Taguchi swaps the news desk for the Story Time couch to read Jackie French and illustrator, Bruce Whatley's beloved story about Pamela the cow in Too Many Pears in Japanese!

### **Play School Story Time: Adam Liaw – Mandarin – Little Red Hen and Grains Wheat – 2.30pm on ABC KIDS and ABC iview**

Join the fun as Adam Liaw reads the classic tale of The Little Red Hen and the Grains of Wheat by author L. R. Hen and Illustrator Jago in Mandarin.

**Giggles and Hoot** are also celebrating Lunar New Year! And Giggles Bones is very excited, because this year it's the Year of the Dog! That means Jimmy Giggles and Hoot can do some awesome puppy dress-ups! And later at Giggles Bones' puppy party, Hoot Pa drops by to give Giggles Bones a special ginormous puppy snack to celebrate! Happy Lunar New Year everyone! Hoot-woof!

## Production details

**Play School Story Time** and **Giggles and Hoot** are ABC Children's Television productions.

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