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2015

Week 42 Highlights



The Ex-PM

Series Premiere Wednesday 14 October at 9.05PM



Please Like Me

New Series Thursday 15 October at 9.30PM



Ready For This

Monday 12 October at 6.20PM



New Tricks

New Series Saturday 17 October at 7.30PM



The Ex-PM

Series Premiere

As our third longest serving Prime Minister, Andrew Dugdale mattered. He dined with presidents and kings, hosted world summits and changed the lives of millions of his fellow Australians. But now he's retired; a not-so-elder statesman with time on his hands to ponder the question - *was it all worth it?* Not that he's asking of course. No, his inquisitive and over enthusiastic ghostwriter Ellen has an unhelpfully insatiable appetite for the truth.



After the advance for his memoirs is spent, but writing nothing in return, Dugdale must accept Ellen into his dysfunctional household. There's his wife Catherine who loves men – especially her husband's chief of staff Sonny. Dugdale's daughter Carol has moved back home with her son. Under house arrest following a tax 'mix up', Dugdale's manager Henry is on Skype every day. Curtis was an ASIO man until a hunting accident and now he's Dugdale's driver.

So begins a comic tango between truth and spin as Ellen and Dugdale take to the dance floor. CAST Shaun Micallef.

Ep1 – Introduction –

An Ex-PM must repay a million dollar advance for an autobiography he hasn't written - or get someone to write it for him ASAP. Ghostwriter Ellen arrives at the home of former Australian PM, Andrew Dugdale. She's armed with a laptop, a deadline and a 1001 questions. However, day one does not go well, what with a lost grandchild, a stolen security system, a vandalised ComCar, a cheating wife and a dead goose. CAST: Shaun Micallef.

#TheExPM

Short synopsis

An Ex-Prime Minister must repay a million dollar advance for an autobiography he hasn't written - or get someone to write it for him ASAP. CAST: Shaun Micallef, Lucy Honigman.

Production details

A CJZ production in association with ABC TV and Film Victoria. The Ex-PM is created, written by and stars Shaun Micallef. Series Producer Rick McPhee. Executive Producers Nick Murray and Shaun Micallef. ABC Executive Producers Rick Kalowski and Andrew Gregory.

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Please Like Me

New Series

Inspired by the stand-up comedy and real life experiences of its creator, writer and star Josh Thomas, *Please Like Me* explores the world of a young man who is in no hurry to grow up. But as he navigates a bipolar mother, a father in a mid-life crisis, a newish baby sister, an anxiety-ridden boyfriend, a peripatetic ex-girlfriend and an unmotivated best friend, he may just be the sanest person he knows.



In season three, new characters arrive, complications ensue, and a cast of extraordinary performers competes again for screen time with John the cavoodle.

Josh and Tom acquire new housemates, some fluffy, innocent baby chickens. Arnold is still on the scene, and Josh is wondering if they are ready to try a proper relationship. This is a very big step for him. Tom, for a change, is single. Mum has a new housemate too, Hannah. Claire is in Germany, but doesn't seem that settled and spends a lot of time on Skype to Josh and Tom. Dad, Mae and Grace are settling into the chaotic routine of a new family, or at least they were, until Mae drops a bombshell.

Original cast members reprising their roles for season three alongside Thomas are Caitlin Stasey (Claire), Thomas Ward (Tom), Hannah Gadsby (Hannah), Keegan Joyce (Arnold), Debra Lawrance in her AACTA Award-winning role of Mum, David Roberts (Dad), Renee Lim (Mae) and, arguably the show's biggest star, Josh's dog, John.

It's soon after the end of season two and Josh is determined to prove to Arnold that he's a good choice as a boyfriend. Other people have different opinions, especially Mum. Over about a month, Josh canvasses everyone's opinion about Arnold and tries to convince Arnold that he's boyfriend material. When Arnold finally lets his guard down, Josh realises that Arnold has been keeping him at arm's length because he's worried Josh will see all his faults. Josh convinces him that he does see them – and he doesn't care.

Short synopsis

Josh is surprised to find he's living in a romcom. Despite grand romantic gestures, elaborate dates and barely edible vegetarian meals, he still can't seem to win Arnold over. CAST: Josh Thomas.

Production details

Directed by Matthew Saville & Josh Thomas. Produced by Todd Abbott & Lisa Wang. Executive producers: Josh Thomas, Todd Abbott and Kevin Whyte. Executive producers for the ABC are Rick Kalowski and Brett Sleigh, and for Participant Media, Jeff Skoll and Chris Loveall. *Please Like Me* is a Pigeon Fancier / John & Josh International Production of a Participant Media Original Series in association with ABC.

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★**Top Pick.**

Monday 12 October, 6:20pm

or later on *iview*



Ready For This: The Golden Sneaker

Tonight during episode two, Mick (Lasarus Ratuere) and Vee (Christine Anu) resort to a team-building scavenger hunt to get the kids to bond but Lily (Leonie Whyman) escapes the event and heads out to find the Sydney she remembers from her early years with her mother. Disappointed that things have changed and her quest was hopeless, Reece (Christian Byers) shows her a part of Sydney that is still the same.



Meanwhile, as Dylan (Liam Talty), Levi (Aaron McGrath), Ava (Majeda Beatty) and Zoe (Madeleine Madden) find a new connection through the competition, Reece and Lily return to the house with the winning item in the scavenger hunt at the last minute. Because of this Lily finally starts to accept that maybe Arcadia House is the right place for her after all.

Ready For This is the 13-part story of six teenagers, all elite within their own field, who have come to live at Arcadia House to pursue their dreams. For some it's the opportunity of a lifetime, for others it's a last chance. All are strangers, some a long way from home, and the last thing they expect to find is family.

#ReadyForThisTV

Short synopsis

Mick and Vee resort to a team-building scavenger hunt to get the kids to bond but Lily escapes the event and heads out to find the Sydney she remembers from her early years with her mother. CAST: Christine Anu, Leonie Whyman

Production details

A Blackfella Films and Werner Films Production in association with Screen Australia, Screen NSW and Australian Children's Television Foundation (ACTF) for ABC TV.

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New Tricks

A police drama series about a unit made up of retired detectives and a long-suffering boss, looking at unsolved crimes.

Starring Denis Lawson, Tamzin Outhwaite, Tracy Ann Oberman and Larry Lamb.

In part one of a special double episode, Gerry is spooked by the discovery of UCOS's latest victim: a cop, whose body has lain untouched under a basement for 30 years.

As deep-rooted accusations of police corruption and underhand dealings begin to surface, Gerry has to face up to some skeletons in his own closet, and it's a race against time for the team to help before his murky past catches up with him.

While he's supposed to be babysitting his grandson, Gerry is convinced only he holds the key to the investigation and leaves the team quite literally holding the baby as he goes AWOL in a bid to uncover the truth.

#NewTricks

Short synopsis

The new twelfth season begins with a special double episode; Gerry is spooked by the discovery of UCOS's latest victim: a cop, whose body has lain untouched under a basement for 30 years.

Production details

Headstrong Pictures for BBC

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Compass: For Better For Worse: Daily Life

Jane Caro is opening closet doors and diving under the sheets to discover the secrets of a long-lasting relationship.

In this special five-part *Compass* series, guest presenter Jane Caro explores the secret to successful long-term relationships. In *For Better For Worse*, five couples lay bare their joys, challenges and heartaches; what makes a relationship work, what keeps people together, and what have they learned along the way?

From tender beginnings these partnerships have withstood the test of time. Interviewed by Jane Caro, each couple shares the nitty-gritty of their relationship: how they met, their first impressions, dealing with the in-laws, navigating the tough times of illness and infidelity, and the chaos of having children, right through to the unglamorous division of domestic labour. Jane asks the big life questions: can sex survive longevity, and how will they cope when their partner dies first?

In this episode we take a look at the time in a relationship when the daily grind takes its toll, the division of domestic labour is a matter that must be negotiated in all couples. And then there is the question of sex. Does longevity breed boredom in the bedroom? Our couples reveal the habits they tolerate, those that drive them crazy and how to keep that special spark alive.

Short synopsis

Jane Caro is discovering the secrets of a long-lasting relationship. This week we take a look at the time in a relationship when the daily grind starts to take its toll.

Production details

For Better or Worse is an ABC TV/Compass production. Presenter: Jane Caro, Producer: Kim Akhurst, Series Producer: Jessica Douglas-Henry, Commissioning Editor: Andrea Ulbrick

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Restoration Australia: Keera Vale

In Australia, thousands of historical buildings lie forgotten and neglected. Over two years, Sibella Court, international designer and host of *Restoration Australia*, follows the transformation of seven of these wonderful buildings.

This week we visit Keera Vale, one of the oldest properties in the Wollongong area. Built in 1843 for Judge Therry, the building has been unloved and butchered by many succeeding owners and requires major restoration.

But this hasn't deterred Jen and Harold. These two fell in love with the 'house on the hill' and their impetuous move to buy it may indeed be a case of 'love is blind'. The house, made of crumbling convict bricks, has many surprises in store for the pair.

Jen is passionate and dynamic, Harold is a born builder and nothing will stop them fulfilling their dream of restoring and living in Keera Vale with their family. With a big mortgage, Harold has taken long service leave to do most of the work himself. But living in this house with their four children, is going to put their passion and patience to the test.

#RestorationAustralia

Short synopsis

Built in 1843 of convict bricks, Keera Vale has suffered severe damage and needs love and care. Jen and Harold have fallen for 'the house on the hill', but is love enough to save this grand old dame?

Production details

Restoration Australia is an ABC TV Production; Producer/Director: Max Mackinnon; Executive Producer: Margot Phillipson; ABC Head of Factual: Steve Bibb

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How Not To Behave: Appearance and Fashion

Tonight, Gretel Killeen and Matt Okine teach us how to dress our age, look at the dos and don'ts of tattoos and the rules for honesty when your friend gets a disastrous haircut.

Plus, the hosts speak about fashion faux pas with award winning costume designer, Tim Chappel, and comedian Greg Larsen explores the power of personal appearance in a hidden camera social experiment.

#HowNotToBehave

Short synopsis

Gretel Killeen and Matt Okine teach us how to dress our age, discuss the dos and don'ts of tattoos and the rules of honesty. Plus, award-winning costume designer Tim Chappel shares his views on fashion faux pas.

Production details

Produced by Screentime, a Banijay Group company, for ABC TV.

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Angry White and Proud

Angry White and Proud is powerful and shocking new documentary which delves into the world of the far-right in the UK. With the weakening of the English Defence League, splinter far-right groups are on the rise and this film provides a remarkably candid and disturbing look at the growing number of far right splinter groups that have emerged.

In his first full-length film, director Jamie Roberts spends a year getting to know members of the far-right: men who call themselves 'patriots' but include some who openly admit to being racist and hating Muslims.

With unprecedented access, Jamie captures all aspects of their lives: from violent street protests and dramatic police arrests to the surprising reality of their domestic lives. It is an unflinching look at their extreme views on religion, race and immigration.

The documentary also gives us an insight into the hidden agendas, and motivations of the men who have dedicated themselves to the far right.

Short synopsis

Angry White and Proud is powerful and shocking new documentary which delves into the world of the far-right in the UK.

Production details

Angry White and Proud is a Mentorn Media production.

Executive Producer: Mark Roberts, Director: Jamie Roberts. Commissioned by Emma Cooper for Channel 4

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Sammy J and Randy in Ricketts Lane

The six-part series *Sammy J and Randy in Ricketts Lane* is a musical comedy about two mismatched housemates from the acclaimed comedic duo, Sammy J and Randy.

Sammy J is a hopeless, down-and-out divorce lawyer who, six years into his legal career, is yet to win a case. And Randy is a cheating, gambling, drinking divorcee who also happens to be a purple puppet.

Randy hit rock bottom after his divorce lawyer, Sammy J, managed to lose him everything. So Sammy J offered his spare room to Randy for a fortnight. That was twelve months ago. Now Sammy J and Randy are inseparable - loyal, eccentric, and prone to bursting into song at any given moment.

Welcome to Ricketts Lane, where *The Odd Couple* and *Wilfred* collide. Loud, bright, catchy, filthy, pun-filled, twisted and bursting with heart, *Sammy J & Randy in Ricketts Lane* is what happens when good, old-fashioned story-telling crashes headlong into an acclaimed, award-winning comedy duo.

Short synopsis

A musical comedy about two mismatched housemates from the acclaimed comedic duo, Sammy J – a human – and Randy – a purple puppet.

Production details

A Sticky Pictures Production in association with the ABC TV, Screen Australia and Film Victoria, Created and written by Sammy J & Randy Produced by Donna Andrews, Co-producer Chris McDonald, Directed by Jonathan Brough, ABC Executive Producers Rick Kalowski and Brett Sleigh.

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Never Mind the Buzzcocks

New Series

Welcome to *Never Mind the Buzzcocks*, the UK's iconic, irreverent pop quiz series that features guest competitors from the worlds of music, TV and comedy.

This week team captains Phill Jupitus and Noel Fielding are joined by Olympian Greg Rutherford and N-Dubz under the chairmanship of guest host Kathy Burke.

Short synopsis

Never Mind the Buzzcocks, the UK's iconic, irreverent pop quiz series with guest competitors from the worlds of music, TV and comedy. This week, team captains Phill Jupitus and Noel Fielding are joined guest host Kathy Burke.

Production details

Never Mind the Buzzcocks is a Talkback production for the BBC.

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Inside Amy Schumer

New Series

The Emmy award winning comedy series, *Inside Amy Schumer* delves into Amy Schumer's provocative and hilariously wicked mind, as she explores topics revolving around sex, relationships, and the general clusterf*ck that is life through a series of scripted vignettes, stand-up comedy, and man-on-the-street interviews..

In this episode Amy marries a Black guy, loses a tennis match, and gets herpes.

Short synopsis

Inside Amy Schumer delves into Amy Schumer's provocative and hilariously wicked mind, as she explores topics revolving around sex, relationships, and the general cluster*ck that is life.

Production details

Inside Amy Schumer - writers Amy Schumer, Dan Powell and Jessi Klein.

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Agatha Christie's Partners in Crime

Rita's friend, Judge James Peel, hands over a package from Brown - something to help her get close to 'our American friend'.

Meanwhile Tommy (David Walliams), getting ever closer to where Jane Finn is being held, is mistaken for a criminal by a gang, and is forced to get drunk with them. But he overhears references to the CIA 'losing their man'.

Tuppence (Jessica Raine), while at Rita's flat looking for the package, learns that James Peel is actually one of Carter's agents and a potential ally.

Tommy and Tuppence think they've discovered Brown's target when Albert reveals that the American Secretary of State is visiting London in two days to sign a treaty of nuclear mutual co-operation – of vital importance to Britain. And if the CIA even gets wind of the threat it'll be disastrous.

Carter reveals that the Secretary always takes in an opera performance, but curiously it's not a Rita who will perform, it's Genevieve Wildridge. Carter refuses to help Tommy impersonate Drennan, or give him the £1000 he needs to regain entry to the gang's Soho den, but Tommy and Tuppence attempt it anyway, using Jane's rich Uncle Julius to get the money.

While Tuppence goes back to Rita's to find out more about the plot to kill the American dignitary, Tommy manages to get inside the house where Jane is being kept with Julius waiting outside to call the police. But the gang are waiting for him, and after being moved and interrogated, is only saved from death when a call from Mr Brown comes... he has a job for Tommy.

Short synopsis

In their quest to find Jane, Tommy and Tuppence fall across a plot to kill the American Secretary of State involving opera singer Rita Vandemeyer; and Tommy is kidnapped. CAST: David Walliams, Jessica Raine.

Production details

Produced by Endor Productions and Agatha Christie Productions Ltd for BBC One; Writer: Zinnie Harris; Director: Edward Hall, Producer: Georgina Lowe.

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