



The very best of Australian storytelling

Courageous storytellers front up to the mic to bare their soul

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We've got it all: from soul-baring stories of mothers, brothers, granddaughters, doctors, police, survivors. Stories that will resonate and surprise, captivate and stun, and also warm your heart. All ten episodes have launched just in time for the holidays so subscribe to get them all.

Melanie Tait is a presenter on ABC Local Radio in Hobart and a champion of live storytelling in Australia. Melanie hosted the **Now Hear This** storytelling events around Australia capturing the best live stories to share on ABC Radio National.

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Episode 1 - I nailed a murderer

Colleen Gwynne is the Children's Commissioner for the Northern Territory but, in 2001, she was the investigating officer on one of Australia's most notorious murder cases, the murder of UK tourist Peter Falconio. In this riveting and must-listen episode, Colleen recounts, in meticulous detail, the process of nailing the killer Bradley John Murdoch and the deeply personal way it connected to her past.

Episode 2 - Destination Bliss

Australian actress and writer Kate Mulvany, best known for her role in *The Great Gatsby*, shares her hilarious experience at holiday hotspot Byron Bay. Setting off on a nine-hour road trip, consumed with the stress and excess of city-living, Kate and her partner have visions of a blissful heaven on earth. But the trip goes south in a big way and Kate vows never to return.



Episode 3 - A mother's nightmare

In the presence of her family and a live audience, gently-spoken and unassuming Vianne Brain from regional Tasmania fronts the microphone and shares a story that's been safely buried deep inside for many years. A beautiful, soul-touching true-life tale of love and loss.

Episode 4 - The emergency room

A young Dr Izaak Lim is in the ER witnessing his first major emergency response. This is it, what he's been trained for, what he's spent nearly a decade studying for... to pull a human being back from the brink of death. What happens in that room, on that day, and his response to it will amaze and surprise you... but also warm your heart.



Episode 5 - Man vs Croc

Chris Keeping is a keen kite-surfer from Australia's Top End who one day comes face to face with one of the Territory's most feared and infamous predators. This is a man who has been in the clutches of a crocodile and lives to tell the tale... a story so visceral it will chill your spine.

Episode 6 - A man walked into a cafe

A man spends his life searching for members of his birth family to only bump into one completely by mistake one sunny day in Noosa. It really is a tale almost too unbelievable to be true.

It's the highly-emotionally charged story of how David Anthony Lacey was in a newspaper-war with a person who, unbeknownst to him, shared his DNA.



Episode 7 - This little piggy

Luke Martin is a lovable larrikin who strikes out with the ladies until he goes against his instinct and inadvertently sets a new pattern for the rest of his life.

In our second story, committed vegetarian Zoya Patel travels to India with her family for a cultural festival and faces a sizeable (and tasty) ethical and moral dilemma. Where will the knife fall?



Episode 8 - Pen pals for life

A young woman is given an opportunity to attend an exclusive all-girls private school and strikes up a long-distance relationship with one of the benefactors that continues long after. In this story, told at the Woodford Folk Festival on Queensland's Sunshine Coast, Eleanor Jackson shares how the learnings from this most unusual relationship have influenced her entire outlook on life.

Episode 9 - Dad's political advice

Deciding to run in a federal seat in the ACT was a huge decision for Elizabeth Lee but, armed with some profound advice from her Korean father, she channels the courage to take the plunge. Elizabeth shares some of the best life-advice you'll ever hear, courtesy of her generous, wise and very proud dad.



Episode 10 - Faking it

Author and former oil rig worker, Paul Carter, tells a story of faking it to get home for Christmas and coming perilously close to getting totally busted. Then, our host Melanie Tait tells her own personal story of how pretending to be someone she wasn't took her all the way to London's West End.