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SHAUN MICALLEF'S MAD AS HELL

Wednesday 28 March 8.30pm



SANDO

Wednesday 28 March 9.00pm



HARROW

Friday 30 March 8.30pm

WEEK 13

SUN 25 TO SAT 31 MARCH 2018



Sando

Inside her new pool house digs, Eric (Dylan Hesp) makes Sando (Sacha Horler) a little uncomfortable with his over-personal offers of teeth flossing and towel drying, while her stopover weighs heavily on Susie (Krew Boylan), who chastises husband Gary (Uli Latukefu) for craving to 'comfort' her. Banished to the kitchen, Gary discovers Susie's dad Don (Phil Lloyd) and Susie's live-in best friend Nicky (Adele Vuko) 'comforting' each other in the pantry, and must now decide whether saving Susie from distress by withholding that revelation from her is worth breaching his wedding vows to always tell Susie everything.

While Don and Nicky stay trapped in the cupboard, Susie and Sando enter the kitchen, forcing Gary to take evasive action. Susie confronts her mum for never apologising for sleeping with Susie's one-time fiancé Kevin (Firass Dirani), as Sando realises she's physically incapable of apologising for anything.

It's also Sando's week with Vic Jnr (Zane Ciarma) – her son with Susie's ex fiancé Kevin – and he bunks in Eric's room, complete with Star Wars memorabilia and an extensive Lego collection. Jealous of Sando's and Vic Jnr's relationship, Eric asks Sando to a movie but she instead encourages him to take Vic Jnr. Vic Jnr decides to mark his territory, pranking Eric into believing he's been kidnapped and ensuring they both know where they stand.

Sando, meanwhile, continues to try to win over Susie, who downloads to Nicky about all Susie's annoying habits. Which only serves to clarify exactly how similar Sando and Susie really are. Susie then accepts a genuine apology from Kevin, infuriating Sando, who decides to pull out all stops and commissions an apology video (from a famous Australian TV star) to exhibit to the family on 'Sunday-take-out and-movie-night'. But just when Susie begins to come around, Sando screws it all up again... simply by being herself.

Short synopsis

Sando goes about winning over Susie, whose best friend Nicky is having an affair with her father. Sando pulls out all the stops and just when Susie looks like coming around, Sando screws it all up, by being herself.

Production details

A Jungle Entertainment production for the ABC. Principal production investment from Screen Australia and ABC in association with Create NSW. Created by Phil Lloyd and Charlie Garber. Producer Chloe Rickard. Directed by the Van Vuuren Bros. and Erin White. Executive Producers Jason Burrows and Phil Lloyd. ABC Executive Producers Rick Kalowski and Andrew Gregory.

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Harrow

When a female skeleton is discovered in the backyard of Terry Connelly, a Vietnam veteran with PTSD, he becomes the prime suspect in what appears to be an open-and-shut case. But when the victim is identified as Sally Chenery, a homeless woman, Harrow decides to dig deeper. He returns to the scene of the crime and discovers several more bones from Sally's skeleton, and a camera, lodged in a tree.

Meanwhile, Simon has extracted a Radius Compression Plate from the river bones. Dass hopes to identify their John Doe via the serial number on the plate. Fortunately for Harrow, the Sally Chenery case takes precedence. The photos from the camera in the tree are found to be almost entirely of Noah Dalton, a boy who lived in the neighbouring property to Connelly some years ago. His adoptive mother, Cassandra Dalton, reveals that Sally was a relentless stalker. She claimed that Noah was her son. They feared for their safety and moved house several times – but she always managed to find them again.

Delving deeper into Sally's obsession with Noah Dalton, Harrow discovers a tragic twist.

With the truth finally revealed, Dass returns to her investigation of the river bones, attempting to identify the John Doe through the serial number of his orthotic plate. But Harrow runs his own off-book investigation, determined to keep Dass from learning the John Doe's identity.

CAST: Ioan Gruffudd, Mirrah Foulkes, Remy Hii, Anna Lise Phillips, Darren Gilshenan, Damien Garvey, Ella Newton, Hunter Page-Lochard.

#HarrowABC

Short synopsis

When a skeleton is discovered in a suburban backyard, the home owner becomes the prime murder suspect – until Harrow begins to uncover a tragic secret.

Production details

A Hoodlum Entertainment production for ABC TV (Australia) and ABC Studios International. Co-created by writer Stephen M. Irwin and producer Leigh McGrath. Produced by Stephen M. Irwin, Leigh McGrath, Tracey Robertson and Nathan Mayfield. ABC Executive Producers: Sally Riley, Alastair McKinnon and Que Minh Luu.

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Gardening Australia Easter Special

Gardening Australia is gearing up to fill your long weekend with foliage, food and flowers. We will give you all the inspiration and information you need to dig, sow and grow the garden you want. An hour in the garden has never been sweeter!

Costa Georgiadis visits the garden of our newest guest presenter, chef Paul West, who is trying his hand at inner-city growing. Paul and his young family show Costa their new rented plot and then make an evergreen family favourite from the garden, hortopita, otherwise known as silverbeet and feta pies.

Sophie Thomson gets a lesson from a master weaver, learning to create an egg collecting basket from material grown in her garden.

Millie is getting clucky, as she checks out the feathered flock of poultry fancier Jessamy Miller, and gets her tips for keeping happy, healthy hens in any sized garden.

Josh tours a very special school in Perth, who have incorporated gardening into all facets of their classroom learning, from maths and science and life skills like cooking. Ever willing to earn his lunch, Josh also lends a hand installing a simple composting system made from recycled materials.

Jane Edmanson visits the nursery of some modern-day plant hunters to explore their incredible collection of perennial plants and gets their top-tips for propagating your own.

Plus, Sophie highlights some of her favourite projects to get the kids gardening over the holidays; Jerry explains how Easter planting can lead to trouble-free tomatoes; Tino explains how to tell when pumpkin is ready ripe; Millie gives some tips for gardeners wanting to grow their own chocolate, and we provide a to-do list for gardeners around the country, to keep them busy right throughout the long weekend!

Short synopsis

Costa meets guest presenter Paul West; Sophie weaves an egg basket; Millie visits a chicken expert; Josh explores a special school garden, and Jane heads to a nursery specialising in perennial plants.

Production details

Executive Producer: Gill Lomas

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ME Best Fest

ME Best Fest is back on ABC iview these school holidays with more fun and adventure from your favourite ABC ME animations.

The Wild Adventures of Blinky Bill (1) - Premiere episodes

Armed with a knack for mischief and an unstoppable imagination, Blinky Bill and his best mate Jacko are taking on the outback! These kids can turn even the simplest challenges into epic adventures.

Sailor Moon Crystal (series 1)

Usagi Tsukino is chosen to be a guardian of justice and is sent on a quest to locate a Silver Crystal before the Dark Kingdom invades the Earth.

The Deep (series 1)

Based on the award winning Australian graphic novels, The Deep follows the adventures of the Nekton family, a brilliant team of underwater explorers, travelling the globe in their submarine home, The Arronax.

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (series 1, 2 & 3)

Four ninja turtles, mutated by a mysterious alien substance, must rise up out of the sewers and defend their city against evil forces from both the past and present.

Winston Steinburger And Sir Dudley Ding Dong (series 1)

Winston Steinburger & Sir Dudley Ding Dong is a fast-paced, high-energy animated comedy that follows the intergalactic exploits of Winston Steinburger, his cat Dudley & a high-strung

Titles also include; **Dennis And Gnasher Unleashed** (series 1), **Detentionaire** (series 1 & 2), **Flamin Thongs** (series 1), **Get Blake** (Series 1), **Sally Bollywood** (series 1 & 2), **Shezow** (series 1 & 2) and **The Day My Butt Went Psycho!** (series 1).

ME Best Fest runs from March 29 to April 28.

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Grand Designs

Kevin McCloud meets designers Beth Dadswell and Andrew Wilbourne, who have rescued a crumbling Victorian dairy in south London and plan to convert it into a family home, while retaining as much of the ramshackle roof, rust and crumbling brickwork as possible. However, as they begin stripping back the old building, the true extent of its condition becomes plain and Beth and Andrew have to decide how much decay they are willing to live with.

Short synopsis

Kevin meets two designers who plan to convert a crumbling Victorian dairy into a family home, but when the true extent of its condition is exposed, the couple have to decide how much decay they are willing to live with.

Production details

Presenter: Kevin McCloud. Executive Producer: Fiona Caldwell. Series Producer: John Lonsdale. A Boundless West Production.

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Jesus: Countdown to Calvary

Hugh Bonneville reveals how a perfect storm of political intrigue, power struggles and clashing religious passions combined, in a single week, to cause the event that changed the world: the killing of Jesus.

This brand new Compass special offers a revolutionary new telling of “the greatest story ever told” – the story of an itinerant Jewish healer and preacher, who went from hero to victim in a single week, 2000 years ago, and ended up dead on a cross.

For the first time on television, world-renowned actor and Cambridge theology graduate, Hugh Bonneville, sets out to discover why that one execution, in a century when as many as 500 people a day were crucified by the Romans, had such seismic, lasting, and global impact, for better and for worse.

He uses all the investigative and storytelling tools at his disposal to reveal the context, characters, and chain of events behind the week that changed the world. In the process, he finds that this is no dusty religious story, but a political thriller – a whodunnit, even – shot through with intrigue, spin, conspiracy, power battles, betrayal and terror.

Short synopsis

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Production details

Presented by Hugh Bonneville, **Jesus: Countdown to Calvary** is an RTÉ, APT and arte production.

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Virgin Bush

He's a stand-up comedian, an internet sensation and a self-proclaimed 'city slicker'.

So, Neel Kolhatkar is heading to the bush to meet the locals and put his nose to the grindstone. Can he hack it though? Sheep shearing, pigeon racing, bow hunting, rally driving and bull riding aren't exactly for the faint hearted. Well, maybe pigeon racing... But Neel gets to experience an Australia that most Aussies never see and at the same time, he's feeding his stand-up schtick too. Saddle up for **Virgin Bush**.

In this episode, Neel heads to Carinda in Western NSW to try his hand at sheep shearing. The locals aren't impressed.

#VirginBush

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Production details

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Call The Midwife

Dr Turner fights to get Rhoda and Bernie Mullucks, (whose daughter Susan was born without limbs in series 5), the necessary support now that Susan's problems are becoming more obvious the older she gets. Dr Turner refers Susan to the Limb Fitting Unit at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, where children like Susan are fitted with artificial limbs.

The prosthetics are cumbersome and terrifying but nevertheless the visit goes some way to normalise the situation for Rhoda, when she meets another mother of a Thalidomide affected child. But for Bernie, the visit leaves him traumatised by the reminder that his daughter is so profoundly disabled and he finally blames Rhoda for taking the pills.

It seems as if Rhoda and Bernie may never be able to put things right, unless they find a way to focus their anger outside of their loving family. Elsewhere, Nurse Crane relishes delivering a fourth son to the rumbustious mixed-race Antoine family. Nurse Crane is a little protective over the Antoine brothers, who have been the recent victim of racist jibes at cubs. Sister Winifred's driving has scarcely progressed at all, and after one particularly confusing session, Nurse Crane takes matters in hand, with distressing and far-reaching consequences.

Afterwards, Nurse Crane experiences some of the darkest days of her life. Elsewhere, Trixie becomes increasingly suspicious of Christopher Dockerill after a series of cancelled dates and an erroneous item of woman's clothing found in his car. She eventually confronts him and is shocked by his frank disclosure. Compelled to be honest herself, Trixie decides that it's time to come clean about her own secret past.

Short synopsis

Dr Turner fights to get a young child fitted with artificial limbs, Sister Winifred's driving skills fail to progress, and Trixie decides that it's time to come clean about her secret past.

Production details

Neal Street for BBC and PBS.

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Silent Witness

Silent Witness follows a dedicated team of forensic pathologists who try to work out how and why the victim died, often risking their own lives in the process. Each story is told over two episodes.

Starring Emilia Fox (*The Wrong Mans*, *The Wipers Times*) as Dr Nikki Alexander, Richard Lintern (*Spies of Warsaw*, *The Shadow Line*) as Dr Thomas Chamberlain, David Caves as Dr Jack Hodgson and Liz Carr as Dr Clarissa Mullery.

Short synopsis

Having found a link between the two cases, the team struggle to make sense of it. Nikki visits a disgraced former colleague who may hold the key. Thomas uncovers the bizarre truth about how Tina died.

Production details

A BBC Studios production. Writers Tim Prager, Graham Mitchell, Ed Whitmore, Richard Davidson, Jim Keeble & Dudi Appleton. Producer Ceri Meyrick (*Father Brown*, *Eastenders*). Executive Producer Anne Pivcevic (*Great Expectations*, *Little Dorrit*).

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Father Brown

The charming Father Brown returns to solve more mysteries in the sleepy Cotswold village of Kembleford.

Based on the short stories by G K Chesterton, this series sees Father Brown (Mark Williams) investigating a suspicious death at a care home, and a local bowls match that quickly rolls out of control when it becomes a murder scene. Meanwhile, glamorous socialite Lady Felicia Montague (Nancy Carroll) returns to Kembleford and quickly gets wrapped up in a deadly encounter with a soviet spy. And when old foe Katherine Corven is suddenly released from prison, she comes back for revenge on Father Brown.

Series 6 commences on the day of Katherine Corven's execution where she is unexpectedly exonerated and released, much to Father Brown, Mrs McCarthy and Bunty's dismay. Waiting outside Sonning Prison, Robin and Eddie from the Kembleford Gazette, push their way through the crowd of reporters to hear Katherine say that those who wronged her will answer to God...

Father Brown later discovers that the Corven's old cleaner confessed to murdering Katherine's husband, explaining her sudden release, but Father Brown is sceptical of this new information.

Katherine's new intention to become a nun raises more alarm bells with Father Brown, who sidesteps Eddie's questioning on the case and heads over to speak to Katherine's former prison officer Frances. When he arrives, he finds her in the position Katherine escaped from; hanging with a noose around her neck...

Short synopsis

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Production details

A BBC Studios production

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