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RN'S SUNDAY EXTRA HOST TOM SWITZER PRESENTS FINAL SHOW

The host of RN's topical weekend program *Sunday Extra*, **Tom Switzer**, will be presenting his last show this Sunday (August 27), with **Fauziah Ibrahim** from ABC News stepping into the role from next week.

Tom is finishing his hosting of *Sunday Extra* due to his increasing work commitments outside the ABC. He will, however, continue to present his Wednesday evening program *Between the Lines* which he has hosted since 2015.

Manager of RN, **Deborah Leavitt** said "Tom Switzer's genuine curiosity and his in-depth, forensic knowledge of the political landscape here and internationally has been a key part of the *Sunday Extra* program this year. He brought a variety of new voices and perspectives to the Sunday Mornings audience. I am pleased that Tom's foreign affairs expertise will remain with his ongoing role as presenter of *Between The Lines*."

Tom farewelled his *Sunday Extra* listeners at the end of his show on Sunday morning.

"I've been immensely honoured and pleased to have presented a top-quality show *Sunday Extra* this year", Tom said. "I've learnt a lot about live broadcasting and I know those lessons will hold me in good stead for my work at RN's *Between the Lines* and the Centre for Independent Studies."

"I want to pay special tribute to Deborah Leavitt, Melanie Christiansen and Steve Kyte for placing so much faith in me: their support and encouragement has always been invaluable. And special thanks and praise are due to my outstanding producer Chris Bullock and his terrific team of producers - Isabelle Summerson, Kyla Slaven and Skye Docherty and sound engineers Jen Parsonage and Tim Jenkins.

Finally, thanks to our loyal listeners, even those who send us critical feedback! I hope we've livened up your Sunday mornings as much as the show has livened up my weekends! All the best to Fauziah, who has a great team to work with."

Fauziah Ibrahim, who will present her first show on Sunday, September 3, has held producing, reporting and presenting roles with BBC, CNBC Asia and Al Jazeera English. Fauziah joined ABC News in 2016.

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