

THE YEARLY WITH CHARLIE PICKERING Wed 19 Dec 8pm

BACK ROADS Mon 17 Dec 8.30pm



SUNDAY 16 TO SATURDAY 22 DECEMBER 2018

ABC

**WEEK 51
HIGHLIGHTS**



SHERLOCK
Sunday 16 December 8.30pm

GARDENING AUSTRALIA: CHRISTMAS SPECIAL
Friday 21 December 7.30pm

The Yearly With Charlie Pickering

Charlie Pickering & The Weekly team look back on the year and ask “2018 What the hell happened?” Leadership spills, cave rescues, Trump summits and Tom Gleeson’s tilt for Denyer Logie Gold. Plus a final farewell to Kitty Flanagan.

A one hour special not to be missed.

Short synopsis

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Production details

A Thinkative Television production in association with ABC TV.

Executive Producers: Kevin Whyte, Charlie Pickering, Chris Walker and Co-Executive Producer: Jo Long.

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Back Roads

While regular *Back Roads* presenter Heather Ewart is off exploring another inspiring part of Australia, guest presenter Paul West is visiting the Furneaux Islands, a wild and windswept group of islands in Bass Strait, just off Tasmania.

The cold ocean waters around the Furneaux Islands are full of treasures like lobsters and abalone. However, the seas have also claimed their own prizes. The rusted hulls of wrecked ships dot the waters around the 50-plus islands.

The islands share a bloody and violent history, but also an incredible story of survival.

“It’s important because most people don’t know about the story of this place. They don’t know about the history of Tasmanian Aborigines and don’t know that Truganini wasn’t the last,” says islander maikutena Vicki Green.

Paul delves deep into the surprising communities that call the Furneaux Islands home. He finds a tough, tight-knit bunch. As Paul says, “The people are as wild and woolly as the weather.”

Battling the famous Furneaux weather Paul visits Cape Barren Island, home to traditional muttonbirders and a rare style of folk music. Cape Barren Island Music is a unique blend of styles influenced by indigenous culture and the European sealer’s folk melodies.

Short synopsis

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Production details

Executive Producer, Brigid Donovan. Series Producer, Louise Turley. Supervising Producer, Kerri Ritchie. Field Producers, Lisa Whitehead, Gerri Williams and Damien Estall.

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Sherlock: The Final Problem

As Sherlock (Benedict Cumberbatch) waits for Moriarty (Andrew Scott) to make his posthumous move, an intriguing puzzle captures the mercurial detective's attention. But this case is more dangerous than he could have imagined. There is a dark purpose at work. Something with its roots deep in Mary Watson's (Amanda Abbington) past. Sherlock and John will face their most chilling enemies yet. In this 3-part series, everything they know will be tested. Everyone they know is under threat. Is the game finally over?

In the final episode of this series, long-buried secrets finally catch up with the Baker Street duo. Someone has been playing a very long game indeed and, alone and defenceless, Sherlock and Dr Watson face their greatest ever challenge. Is the game finally over?



Short synopsis

Sherlock faces perhaps the most chilling enemy of his career: the powerful Culverton Smith - a man with a very dark secret. Estranged from John Watson, Sherlock seems to have descended into hell. Is there any way back from the abyss into which the detective has descended?

Production details

Benedict Cumberbatch as Sherlock Holmes, with Martin Freeman as John Watson, Mark Gatiss as Mycroft Holmes, Rupert Graves as Inspector Lestrade, Una Stubbs as Mrs Hudson, Amanda Abbington as Mary Watson and Louise Brealey as Molly Hooper
Episode 3: The Final Problem: Mark Gatiss and Steven Moffat, Director: Benjamin Caron.
Sherlock is created and written by Steven Moffat and Mark Gatiss. Produced by Sue Virtue. A BBC/BBCWW/WGBH co-production

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Gardening Australia: Christmas Special

It's Christmas and we're getting excited about family time, holiday projects and getting the garden summer-ready!

Costa helps Millie build a creative cubby, using salvaged timber and planting it out with climbers so the birds and bees will enjoy it too.

Sophie loves succulents and, to present them in their best light, she's creating some living art by planting them in picture frames. A great holiday idea!

Tino list his top five tips for keeping your garden and plants alive while you're away on holiday over the summer.

Clarence Slockee visits the historic home and garden of author and artist Norman Lindsay, who wrote and illustrated the children's classic tale of *The Magic Pudding*, which is 100 years old this year.

Millie's vegie garden did well in its first year but is now having problems, so she looks for the culprit – and rebuilds the bed to solve the issue.

Josh and his children make clay-based seed 'bombs' as gifts and package them up in home-made Christmas bonbons.

Jerry shares some tips on how to keep summer rain in your garden, where it will benefit your plants, rather than allowing it to run off and be lost.

For those who want truly Aussie decorations this Christmas, Jane explores some native plant alternatives to the traditional pine tree.

We meet a plant lover who developed a fascination with interesting nuts and seed pods – and now uses them to craft a whole range of lovable critters.

Short synopsis

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Production details

Executive Producer, Gill Lomas.

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iview Summer Comedy Binge

Streaming all summer long on ABC iview starting Friday 7 December

ABC will keep you entertained and laughing all summer long.

ABC will keep Australian audiences laughing throughout the long summer days with our annual comedy bonanza of specials, premieres and events in December and January.

The festive fun kicks off with ABC COMEDY's **Summer Comedy Binge on iview**, featuring some of the best comedies that will keep you in stitches.

For two months over summer on ABC iview, you'll find a wealth of Aussie comedy series including; **The Letdown** (series 1), **Rosehaven** (series 1&2), **Sando** (series 1), **Squinters** (series 1), **Superwog** (series 1), **Ronny Chieng International Student** (series 1), **Get Krack!n** (series 1), **Back in Very Small Business** (series 1), **Black Comedy** (series 3), **Comedy Up Late** (series 3 to 6), **Melbourne Comedy Festival 2018**, the **Fresh Blood** pilots and the premiere of the Aussie short comedy series - **What Could Go Wrong?**

International titles include; **Dead Boss**, **Threesome** (series 1&2), **Way to Go** (series 1), **This Country** (series 1&2), **Zapped** (series 1&2), **Plebs** (series 1&2), **Catastrophe** (series 1 to 3), and the premiere of **Hang Ups**.

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Ho Ho Ho! Telling Christmas Tales

Here comes Christmas! Does the thought bring a smile to your dial or make you run for the hills?

Join some high-profile Australians for their take on an Aussie Christmas. Beer or milk for Santa? Real tree or a fake one? Church or beach? Turkey or Tofurkey?

From sunburn to food comas, it's a day to celebrate that can also challenge the best of us. We've all got a yarn, "Remember the year when...?"

Park the panic and relax with some festive fun as we look back on great Christmas moments from the past and consider what this one might bring.

Narrated by James Valentine.

Featuring: Andy Griffiths, Dee Madigan, Dick Smith, Uncle Jack Charles, Jeremy Fernandez, Jean Kittson, The Wayside Chapel's Jon Owen, Maxine Beneba-Clarke, Merrick Watts, Penny Wong, Reg Mombassa, Rev. Tim Costello, Tim Wilson, Zoe Norton Lodge, and more.

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Production details

Head of Religion and Ethics, Joe Gelonesi. Series Producer, Jessica Douglas-Henry.

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Tomorrow Tonight

Join hosts Charlie Pickering and Annabel Crabb for the season final of *Tomorrow Tonight*.

Each episode Charlie will introduce Annabel, and a panel of experts and comedians, to a story that would have us all glued to the news – an event that hasn't happened yet but could. Funny, illuminating and occasionally terrifying, *Tomorrow Tonight* will bring you tomorrow's news today and show us that the future is predictably unpredictable.

Tomorrow Tonight is the comedy panel show that gets ahead of itself by running out in front of the news cycle. As the world goes off script it is time for a show that takes a long, hard and hilarious look at "what happens next".

Short synopsis

Charlie Pickering and Annabel Crabb dive into tomorrow's headlines. Each episode a panel of experts have to survive a ground-breaking news story as it unfolds. Can they solve the world's problems before they even happen?

Production details

A Thinkative Television production in association with ABC TV. Executive Producers Chris Walker and Kevin Whyte. ABC EP Nick Hayden.

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Christmas on ABC KIDS: Five Days of Christmas

ABC KIDS is celebrating with five days of Christmas themed specials to help preschoolers get ready for the festive season.

Preschoolers will enjoy watching some of their favourite characters, including Buzzbee, The Go Jetters, Peter Rabbit, The Octonauts and Thomas the Tank Engine, in Christmas stories with themes of friendship, family relationships and caring for others.

The Hive: The Perfect Christmas - Friday 21 December at 5.40pm on ABC KIDS

Buzzbee tries to find a home for a tiny Christmas tree while Rubee doesn't want Christmas to change.

Go Jetters: The North Pole - Saturday 22 December at 5.40pm

The Go Jetters visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve, but disaster strikes as they discover Grandmaster Glitch has borrowed Santa's sleigh! Can Santa still deliver all his presents before the sun rises?

Peter Rabbit's Christmas Tale - Sunday 23 December at 5.40pm

When Mr. Bouncer gets too sick to make the important holiday supply delivery, Peter and Benjamin take it upon themselves to brave a blizzard (and Mr. Tod) to get the job done and meet a new friend along the way.

Octonauts: A Very Vegimals Christmas - Monday 24 December at 5.40pm

The Vegimals' plans for a Christmas feast aboard the Octopod are interrupted when the Octonauts are all entangled in a gigantic blob of sea snot!

Thomas and Friends: Big World! Big Adventures! The Movie - Monday, 24th December at 2pm

Join Thomas as he embarks on an epic journey as he leaves Sodor to travel around the world. Travelling full steam ahead across five continents, Thomas discovers magnificent new sights and cultures, & makes new friends.

Thomas and Friends: Journey Beyond Sodor - Tuesday 25 December at 2pm

Thomas gets lost on the Mainland. On his travels he meets some experimental engines who look like no engines he has ever seen before. James takes the opportunity to head off to the Mainland himself in search of Thomas.

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Victoria

Episode 8 - The Luxury of Conscience

Sir Robert Peel (Nigel Lindsay) fights the battle of his career in Parliament, facing the consequences of taking a stand against the Corn Laws. But Albert (Tom Hughes) inadvertently plays into the hands of Peel's critics and jeopardises the progress that they have fought for.

Meanwhile, at the Palace, the strained relationship between Victoria (Jenna Coleman), Albert and Victoria's closest confidante, Baroness Lehzen (Daniela Holtz), is pushed to breaking point, as Albert grows increasingly frustrated about the control that he perceives her to have over his wife, especially when the health of their children is at stake.

Faced with the prospect of having to live without their respective crutches, Victoria and Albert begin to lose sight of each other. But when tragedy strikes, they realise that sacrifices will have to be made in both their personal and political lives.

Short synopsis

Victoria and Albert have to face their worst nightmare as parents, while Peel takes on the ultimate battle in Parliament. When tragedy strikes, they must confront the true cost of standing by your convictions.

Production details

A Mammoth Screen production; Creator /Writer/Exec Producer: Daisy Goodwin; MD of Mammoth Screen/Executive Producer Damien Timmer; Executive Producer: Kate McKerrell; Producer: Paul Frift; Directors: Lisa James Larsson, Geoffrey Sax, Jim Loach, Daniel O'Hara.

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