

Sunday 21 to Saturday 27 January 2018



# Week 4 Highlights



**Gardening Australia**

New Series, New Night Friday 26 January 7.30pm



**Australian Of The Year**

Thursday 25 January 7.30pm



**Back Roads**

Monday 22 January 8pm



**Wiggle, Wiggle, Wiggle!**

Starts Friday 26 Jan 10am





★**Top Pick**  
7.30pm Fridays from January 26



## Gardening Australia

New series, new night and new one hour format.



# GARDENING

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## A U S T R A L I A

Gardening lovers rejoice. *Gardening Australia* returns in 2018 bigger and better than ever!

Is too much gardening never enough? Are you thinking about succulents in your sleep or just wondering if you could possibly grow parsley in a pot on your patio? Well *Gardening Australia* is for you!

ABC TV's most down-to-earth gardening program is blossoming in 2018 into a packed, hour-long format that you can catch at the **new time** of **7.30pm** on **Friday nights**, kicking off on **January 26th**.

Join host Costa Georgiadis and the team as they traverse this amazing country unearthing the best gardens and gardeners in the land.

As always, *Gardening Australia* will share all the tips and tricks to turn you from amateur to expert; show you new ways to grow; find plants in the most unusual places and pick plenty of home-grown produce along the way.

Whether you are experienced or a first-time gardener, have an inner-city apartment or a big country block, *Gardening Australia* has all the information and inspiration to get you growing. And we might even pop-over to help!

A new duration, new time slot, new stories, new information from trusted and knowledgeable presenters and plenty of ideas to carry you into a flourishing new year.

Happy Gardening!

### #GardeningAustralia

#### Short synopsis

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#### Production details

Executive Producer: Gill Lomas.

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★Top Pick

Thursday 25 January 7.30pm



## Australian Of The Year



Who will be our 2018 Australians of the Year?

Hosted by Chris Bath and Kumi Taguchi live from the Great Hall at Parliament House, Canberra, the Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull, will announce the four prestigious awards for Australian of the Year, Young Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year and Australia's Local Hero.

The awards celebrate everyday, inspiring Australians making significant contributions to their communities and to the Nation.

Join Chris and Kumi to help celebrate, live from 7:30pm, January 25, 2018 on ABC TV and iView.

The following day we present the Australia Day Flag Raising and Citizenship Ceremony Live from Canberra at 9am.

### Short synopsis

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★ Top Pick

Monday 22 January 8.00pm



## Back Roads



**Back Roads** visits the Pilbara region of WA, an ancient place deep with red dirt and precious rock art. The mining boom is ending and some inspiring locals are creating new opportunities for their communities.

Heather Ewart meets Heather Jones who is a trailblazer in the trucking industry. The two Heathers hit the road, as Karratha's annual FeNaCING festival gets underway. The event celebrates the three commodities that rule the region, iron, salt and natural gas.

In her pink truck, Heather Jones takes Heather on a 14-hour trip south. In their pink shirts, the Pilbara Heavy Haulage Girls, as they are known, promote women in the trucking industry and help people get jobs.

Heather Ewart goes in search of some of the area's rock art. This place has one of the oldest outdoor art galleries on the planet. Local Aboriginal man Clinton Walker shows Heather around his home town of Roebourne. Clinton tells Heather he was the first boy in his town to finish Year 12. Locals in Roebourne recently made the decision to stop selling alcohol in the town.

Tangiora Hinaki is Heather Jones' latest student. Tangiora moved to the Pilbara from New Zealand and loves a challenge. Tangiora takes Heather to meet another group of strong Pilbara women, The Pilbara Motorcycle Sisters (PMS), who also do community work. These inspiring locals are making an impact, and changing their communities for the better.

This week there is also a special one hour Back Roads episode on Friday 26 Jan at 8.30pm.

### Short synopsis

Heather Ewart heads to the Pilbara region of Western Australia to meet some of the remarkable locals who are driving change as the mining boom ends. There's also plenty of 'girl power' to be found out in this harsh landscape.

### Production details

*Back Roads* is the flagship series of the ABC Regional Division. Executive Producer, Brigid Donovan. Series Producer Louise Turley. Supervising Producer, Kerri Ritchie. Field Producers, Lisa Whitehead and Karen Michelmore.

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## Wiggle, Wiggle, Wiggle!

Sing, dance and learn with The Wiggles during their exciting new TV series **Wiggle Wiggle Wiggle!** Featuring twenty-six x 22-minute episodes with all new recordings of over 100 new and classic Wiggles songs, children around Australia will once again be engaged and entertained by Australia's fab four of fun, Emma (yellow), Anthony (blue), Lachy (purple) and Simon (red).

*Wiggle Wiggle Wiggle!* features some exciting new segments! The Wiggles remembered when they were young during Little Wiggles. You'll see Emma, Lachy, Simon and Anthony when they were tweens. It's wildly entertaining and fun! Hear The Singing Barbers of Wiggle Town singing a cappella live in the show. Visit Emma's bow room, her special place where she goes to dance and sing. There's the Wiggly garage, home of the Big Red Car, and for the first time we see the Big Red Plane and Emma's Bookmobile!

Plus, there are music lessons throughout the series in instruments and voice, with special guests from around the world. The Adelaide Symphony Orchestra joins with The Wiggles on 'The Carnival of the Animals'. Simon narrates this tale while children dressed-up like the various animals in the play dance ballet. And of course, we visit Giggleshouse where there is a new adventure every day!

The Wiggles are joined by their friends, Captain Feathersword, Dorothy the Dinosaur, Henry the Octopus and Wags the Dog, who sing and dance with them as a part of their engaging and entertaining world.

### **Episode one: Hello, Everyone! – Friday 26 January at 10am on ABC KIDS**

Hello, everyone! Let's say 'g'day' to The Wiggles and learn a little bit about them. Then the adventures don't stop! Come with us on a trip to Wiggle Park to dance with Henry the Octopus, meet the King of the Jungle at the Carnival of the Animals, play piano with Lachy and travel back in time to meet the Little Wiggles!

### **Short synopsis**

Sing, dance & learn with The Wiggles during their exciting new show. Featuring new recordings of over 100 new & classic Wiggles songs, children will once again be engaged and entertained by Australia's fab four of fun.

### **Production details**

The Wiggles.

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Tuesday 23 January at 8.00pm



## How to Stay Young

You may be free from grey hairs and wrinkles, but do your insides tell a different story? How to Stay Young returns to examine the science behind getting old and help ordinary people slow down the speed at which they're ageing.

A team of health experts build the ultimate ageing lab, where they test everyday people to find out if their real age is the same as their body age - revealing how quickly their organs, skin, muscles and brain are growing old. For Britain's fastest agers, it's time for a lifestyle overhaul. Follow them over three months as they uncover the causes behind their rapid ageing and use exercise, diet and the latest science to bring their body ages down.

The team also meet the scientists at the cutting edge of ageing research and come up with the ultimate anti-ageing lifestyle guide. Discover exactly what time of the day you should exercise to live longer, how drumming can help cells age slower and why taking risks can make your brain younger.

Packed with surprising science, How to Stay Young reveals the crucial steps to living a longer, healthier life.

**Episode 3** - In the final episode, 45-year-old Tina discovers the damage her diet is doing to her skin, 49-year-old ex-policeman Rich scores the worst body age seen so far, and 68-year-old Isabella learns how to reverse her brain's decline. If you've ever worried about ageing or wanted to turn the clock back then this programme is going to show you how to do it.

### Short synopsis

The final episode sees Tina discover the damage her diet is doing to her skin, Rich scores the worst body age so far and Isabella learns how to reverse her brain's decline.

### Production details

A BBC Production.

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## Fake Or Fortune?

**Fake Or Fortune?** returns for the season final for series six, as art detectives Philip Mould and Fiona Bruce investigate more thrilling cases of art world mystery, intrigue, and deception.

The team are on the trail of two pictures brought to their attention by viewers, both believed to be by Paul Gauguin - one of the giants of 19th-century art. Could two lost works have surfaced in Cambridgeshire and a suburb of Manchester? Paul Gauguin is one of the most intriguing artists of late 19th-century France, a stockbroker who abandoned Paris for a bohemian life in Tahiti. He is certainly one of the most valuable - his Tahitian masterpiece 'When Will You Marry?' sold for \$200 million in 2015, making it one of the most expensive paintings ever sold. A woman in Manchester thinks she may have inherited Gauguin's very first pencil sketch for this iconic painting. If it's genuine, this fragile relic of the artist's time in Tahiti could be worth over £200,000, but its authenticity has been called into doubt.

To raise the stakes even further, the team are on the trail of a second possible Gauguin - a still life depicting a bowl of fruit. A Cambridge-based man has spent years trying to prove that his oil painting, inherited from a family friend, is a genuine work that dates back to the crucial moment when Gauguin discovered the style which made him famous. The team have got a battle on their hands because the authenticity of both works has been called into question by leading auction houses. The quest to find out the truth about the two pictures takes them to Bilbao, Brittany, Paris and the Imperial War Museum as they delve into the story of the sketch owner's grandfather, a German art historian who fled the Nazis for a new life in England. But as the investigation progresses, they stumble across a forgery scandal that is only beginning to come to light.

### Short synopsis

Philip Mould, Fiona Bruce and the team are on the trail of two pictures brought to their attention by viewers, both believed to be by Paul Gauguin - one of the giants of 19th-century art. (Season Final)

### Production details

Series Producer Robert Murphy, Produced & Directed by Nicky Illis. **Fake or Fortune?** is an ALL3 Media production for the BBC.

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Thursday 25 January at 9.30pm



## The Best Of Fresh Blood

Comedian Wil Anderson presents a 3 part special *The Best of Fresh Blood*, which shines a spotlight on some of the funniest and brightest sketches to come out of the latest round of Fresh Blood. Fresh Blood is the ABC and Screen Australia initiative to kickstart the careers of our nation's finest emerging comedy writers, directors and performers.

Twenty chosen comedy teams have created 3 x 5 minute sketches. Original and laugh out loud, from animated ibis to kung fu crime fighters, the variety and talent showcased in these short comedy sketches will impress.

All sketches are available to binge on ABC Comedy on iView.

**#FreshBlood**

### Short synopsis

Comedian Wil Anderson presents part 2 of a 3-part special, *The Best of Fresh Blood*, which shines a spotlight on some of the funniest and brightest sketches to come out of the latest round of Fresh Blood.

### Production details

*Fresh Blood* is an ABC Production in association with Screen Australia.

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Saturday 27 January 9.15pm



## Comedy Next Gen

**Comedy Next Gen** showcases the next generation of stand-up comedians as they perform their latest live shows. The series features 13 comedians in their own special episode with an exclusive interview at the start of each episode.

Filmed over 13 separate nights, the best up-and-coming stand-up comedians perform their acts live at venues around Australia.

After starting stand-up comedy as a hobby outside of his real job as a tax accountant, Suren Jayemanne has since put aside the Income Tax Assessment Acts and is now a regular at the major comedy festivals in Australia.

Australian born to Sri Lankan parents, Suren is a young(ish) intellectual brown beta-male. He also has eczema. Join Suren as he attempts to discover which is the worse skin condition to have in Australia.

### Short synopsis

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### Production details

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