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Nathan Bazley stepping back from the role of presenter of *Behind the News*

After a record stint in the job, Nathan Bazley will be stepping back from the role of presenter of *Behind the News* at the end of the current season.

Since starting in June 2007, Bazley has been in front of the camera for more than 10 years and is the longest-serving *BTN* host. He is also *BTN*'s Series Producer and he will be continuing in that role, as well as working behind the scenes to lead and mentor the next generation of young reporters.

ABC Director, News Gaven Morris said: "For the past decade Nathan has been a trusted and influential figure in the lives of millions of Australian children. He has played a pivotal role in the *Behind the News* team, inspiring young people to develop an interest in news and current affairs."

Over the past 12 months Bazley was also EP of the groundbreaking Kokoda VR project.

Nathan's final program as presenter, and the last of the 2017 season, comes out tomorrow [Tuesday 5 December].

The next BTN host will be named in the new year.

About *Behind the News*

- *Behind the News* (BTN) is a national Australian kids news and current affairs show produced in Adelaide
- *BTN* creates weekly school media resources tied to the national curriculum, aimed at upper-primary school students. It reaches approximately 1 million primary students each week, mostly through its online portal
- *BTN* was launched in 1968 and is the third longest-running program on Australian television, behind *Four Corners* and *Play School*
- Nathan is the longest-serving *BTN* host. He was in front of the camera for more than 10 years, from June 2007
- Previous *BTN* hosts include Richard Morecroft, who went on to present the ABC 7pm News in Sydney for many years, and Paul Higgins, Melbourne's longstanding weather presenter

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