Welcome

At ABC Commercial, we love great content, and offer distinctive, high quality programs for broadcast on content platforms of all types worldwide.

Our diverse catalogue spans multiple genres – including factual, children’s, comedy, drama, news and current affairs, lifestyle and entertainment, arts and music – and features many award-winning programs.

For our children’s content, we are able to draw on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation’s well known and trusted brand, ABC KIDS, further enhancing the reputation, recognition and appeal of this content.

The depth and diversity of our content portfolio ensures that there’s something for all schedule, programming and platform needs!

With offices in London and Sydney and agents in key territories – plus agile materials delivery systems and seamless direct delivery to digital platforms – ABC Commercial is able to respond promptly and efficiently to enquiries and delivery requests.

We are fortunate to represent many talented producers who create quality content that strikes a chord with the global audience – and take pleasure in introducing some amazing new programs in 2016.

Please read on to discover more!

The ABC Commercial team

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New Releases

Surfing the Menu: Next Generation

Dan Churchill and Hayden Quinn share a love of cooking, surfing and travel. They head off on an epic food adventure around Australia. They learn to sail, visit an outback cattle station, snorkel on the Great Barrier Reef and, along the way, catch some amazing waves too.

They meet passionate producers of wonderful food including heritage tomatoes, cheeses, beef, goats, mangoes, herbs, exotic mushrooms, shrimp, rum, salt and everything in between. Then the boys turn these fresh ingredients into simple, healthy and delightfully delicious recipes that will inspire.

Also available:
Surfing the Menu Series 1-4  32 x 25’
HD 13 x 25’
LIFESTYLE AND ENTERTAINMENT
NoMa Films

Following the global success of the original four series, comes a brand new Surfing the Menu with a new generation of hosts and all new adventures.
Luke Warm Sex

Does practice make perfect? In this six part series, comedian Luke McGregor consults sex therapists, scientists, tantric practitioners and sexual empowerment coaches with the aim to get better at sex - transforming from lukewarm to red hot. This is a journey about understanding sexual confidence, sexual identity, pleasure, intimacy and creativity. Luke explores any class and activity to gain the knowledge and tools to lead a healthy and satisfying sex life. Comic, but never crass, Luke Warm Sex is a rollicking and surprising look at sex, from the mainstream to the fringes.

HD 6 x 27’ | FACTUAL
Northern Pictures

#BlackLivesMatter (Foreign Correspondent)

Reporter Sally Sara takes to the streets of Baltimore and Chicago to investigate a reawakened civil rights movement. #BlackLivesMatter is a leaderless movement that’s harnessing direct protest and the mobilising power of social media. Now, black America is rising up again over the death toll of unarmed civilians killed in encounters with police, and the incomprehensibly routine atrocities that torment gang-infested neighbourhoods. In a one-hour program, the people who live in this pall of violence express their fury and their fear.

How to Save the World (Foreign Correspondent)

Reporter Eric Campbell criss-crosses the continents to see not only what is at stake but also what is being done to cut carbon pollution. It’s easy to believe that the planet is frying and that nobody – not even the scores of world leaders who meet for crucial climate negotiations - is doing anything about it. This program explores potential solutions to global warming - from thermal power in Costa Rican jungles to giant North Sea wind farms and California’s solar start-ups.

Afghanistan: Inside Australia’s War

In their own words and their extraordinary, never-before-seen helmet-cam battle footage, Australia’s fighting men and women lay bare their hearts in an epic series - not just about how they waged a war, but why and to what end. The series takes viewers inside the experiences of soldiers, in the context of 9/11, Bali, Madrid, London and Iraq. As much as a war story, Afghanistan: Inside Australia’s War is a portrait of a generation.

One man’s awkward journey to get better at sex.
Hitting Home
Headline stories of domestic violence dominate the papers, all too often ending in murder. Award-winning journalist Sarah Ferguson spent six months on the frontline of domestic violence meeting with women and children who are affected as well as with perpetrators of violence. With unprecedented access to forensic doctors, specialist police officers, prisons and courts, Sarah goes in search of answers to some of the most important questions about domestic violence.

Making Families Happy
Three very different families in crisis embark on a world first experiment led by two elite psychologists. Over two months, these families attempt to overcome longstanding barriers to happiness. They range from a blended family with five kids to a single mother with a thirteen-year-old daughter. Their problems are universal: poor communication, financial stress, lack of parenting skills and defiant teenagers. In Making Families Happy, the ‘Happiness’ team are turning their attention to their greatest challenge yet: families.

Destination Arnold
Destination Arnold tells the story of two Indigenous women who share a big dream – to make it to the Arnolds – an invitation only bodybuilding competition being held in Australia for the first time. To get there they will have to endure months of training, dieting and competition. Tash and Kylene push their bodies to the limit, sacrificing family and friends for one purpose.

Destination Arnold is a roller-coaster ride of emotion with viewers sharing their journeys and getting a firsthand look at what it takes to be a champion.

Maddie Parry: Tough Jobs
What we do at work affects our opinions, our relationships and state of mind. Filmmaker Maddie Parry works some of Australia’s most controversial jobs; going places most of us never see, doing work many people think no one should do. As a forest logger, brothel hostess, abortion clinic support staffer and abattoir worker, both Maddie’s pre-conceived ideas and moral compass are challenged. Whether it’s exposing the relationship between love and intimacy to questioning her instinct to conserve forests, she discovers hard choices and disparate opinions at almost every turn.

The Importance of Being Miriam
In this hilarious, heart-warming and thought provoking show, internationally renowned multi-award winning actress Miriam Margolyes (Harry Potter, Miss Fisher, The Age of Innocence) reveals the full range of her immense talent. Miriam reflects on the family influences which have shaped her career, and her love of classic literary giants. Throughout this captivating performance, Miriam inhabits over 20 characters with a dazzling variety of the accents for which she is renowned.

A rare and extraordinary theatrical journey.

True Grit
International sportsman David Pocock is renowned for his determination on and off the rugby field. A childhood in politically unstable Zimbabwe has driven a strong commitment to charity and social justice issues.

This intimate profile of a complex man draws on interviews with his family, coach and partner, as well as a rich archive of home movies.

Image courtesy ARU Media, Stuart Walmsley
72 Cutest Animals

Visually stunning and packed with scientific facts, 72 Cutest Animals is a countdown and an investigation of the cutest animals in the world. From gorillas to bats and koalas to cats, this series uncovers the unusual characteristics that actually make an animal cute - and it's more than just a pretty face!

With explanatory graphics and accounts from experts and everyday animal lovers, each creature is fully assessed and ranked on the cuteness scale.

Becoming Superhuman (Catalyst)

Biomedical engineer Dr Jordan Nguyen has promised 13 year-old Riley Saban, who lives with severe cerebral palsy, that he will invent a device to help Riley achieve the impossible, with cutting-edge technology. Jordan’s aim is for Riley to have ‘telekinetic control’ - the ability to independently take control of the technology in his environment using only his eyes - through a headband that will respond to Riley’s eye movements. Is the day when technology gives our biology superhuman powers closer than we think?

Streets of Your Town

In the 1950s, pioneering architects including Robin Boyd, Syd Ancher, Roy Grounds and Harry Seidler adapted the International style of Modernism. Through the 1960s and ‘70s, Australian Modernism was tailored for local culture and lifestyle. But by the end of the 1970s, the McMansion had arrived. In this series, Tim Ross – broadcaster, comedian and aficionado of all things Modernism - tracks the stories of these houses, and gains unprecedented access to iconic homes to revel in their beauty and legacy in Australia’s suburbia.

SplashDance

SplashDance is a live action preschool series that encourages imagination through movement. In each episode, the SplashDancing cast get out their ‘splash hands’ and splash the dance studio with colours and fun elements to create a unique setting for the episode’s pop infused dance song, written by multi-award winning composer John Field (Hot Potato, Hot Potato!). Dance offers a special form of expression for children when command over language is still developing.

In SplashDance, it is movement that creates the wonderful worlds in which children’s imagination can travel. Splash on the colours, join in the fun and dance to the music of SplashDance.
Hoot Hoot Go!

Hoot, Hootabelle and Hootly are best friends, living together in the Land of Giggle and Hoot. Whenever someone needs help, the Owl Pals come together to solve the problem! They love playing in their Button Tree, going on The Night Watch flight to make sure all in the land are safe and sound, having pirate adventures with Pirate Hootbeard, visiting Hootaluna on the moon, as well as Giggle Fangs in his Batty Lair. A heart-warming, live action puppetry and animation series, promoting teamwork, collaboration and friendship – based on ABC KIDS flagship property Giggle and Hoot.

Also available Hoot to the Music 1 x 54’

Peleda

From the creators of the award-winning Figaro Pho, comes Peleda – a fantasy adventure series and immersive online adventure role-playing game for kids. With stunning animation and a fantastical setting of airborne islands, natural and mechanical marvels, nature spirits and alchemical power, Peleda follows two unlikely heroes, Mina and Valdis, who are on a quest to save the magical world of Peleda from the clutches of Giltine, Queen of the owls.

Maurice’s Big Adventure

Play School’s much loved teddy bear Maurice is invited along to experience important events in a preschooler’s life, joining his young friends as they embark on exciting adventures into school, new family members and beyond.

Also available are further adventures by favourite Play School characters, Little Ted, Big Ted, Jemima and Humpty. Celebrating 50 years of Play School in Australia.

Prisoner Zero

Prisoner Zero, a science-fiction action-adventure series aimed at children aged 8 to 12, follows the adventures of two teens, Gem and Tag, and their mysterious friend who they only know as Prisoner Zero. From the bridge of their starship, Rogue, this engaging team are on a mission to save the universe from the dreaded Imperium, led by General Vykar. To do this, they must solve the secret of the Imperium’s greatest technological achievement, a digital control system called the Bioweve.

Prisoner Zero is a 2D animated series, mixing drama with comedy, that sends an important message to today’s kids about what it means to be a hero and why it’s important to stand up and be exactly that.

A fast-paced, animated, sci-fi action-adventure series following the exploits of teen heroes, Tag and Gem, and their mysterious friend Prisoner Zero.
The Catalyst team of science journalists investigate the ‘real world’ implications, ethics and politics behind the ‘hot button’ issues of today: climate change; nuclear-solar-wind-tidal-geothermal power; DNA and genome technology; medical miracles and the ongoing ‘mind-expanding discoveries’ into the workings of the human brain.

Covering a unique mix of science topics, Catalyst shows that scientific discovery and the use of scientific knowledge is a dynamic force that can inspire and activate us.

Every episode tells us something we didn’t know, takes us somewhere we’ve never been and introduces us to concepts that are beyond belief.

A new half hour series will be delivered throughout 2016.

A multi-award winning science series that makes sense of our world.
Life in Ruins
Many old historic buildings lie forgotten and neglected in the countryside, tangled up in red tape and development restrictions, or just slowly mouldering into decay. Filmed over two years, Life in Ruins watches as seven of these wonderful old buildings – from Georgian mansions to colonial pug and pine huts – are transformed. Host, international interior designer and stylist, Sibella Court, follows the process, showcasing the lives of these people as they strive to restore their heritage ruins.

HD 7 x 57'  Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Life in Ruins

Kids on Speed?
Kids on Speed? is part observational documentary, part clinical intervention and part social experiment. A team of experts, led by a dynamic Clinical Psychologist, put four families with children suspected of having Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), through a cutting edge evidence based intervention program.

The stakes are high as the families are at the end of their tether and the experts put their reputations on the line.

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72 Dangerous Places to Live
The Earth can be a very dangerous place to live. Devastation can take on many guises; hurricanes lashing southern United States, blistering fires sweeping Australia’s bushland, earthquakes crumbling cities in one bold seismic move, sink holes swallowing homes into darkness and walls of water hurtling toward island continents.

With first-hand accounts from the people that live there, 72 Dangerous Places to Live is a fascinating discovery of the world’s riskiest places to live.

Beneath New Zealand
A visually sumptuous exploration on why this beautiful land is so dynamic and ever-changing. Enhanced by stunning CGI and high on interesting ‘takeaway’ science, this series takes an expert guided journey across New Zealand’s two islands, uncovering the scientific facts about it’s evolving landscape. New Zealand is also steeped in Maori mythology – and along the way there are detours into fascinating legends about the natural environment. Beneath New Zealand is a compelling combination of science and mythology.

72 Dangerous Animals Australia
Be afraid...be very afraid. This enthralling series looks at all 72 of Australia’s deadly animals, from the platypus to the great white shark. With explanatory graphics, animation, eyewitness accounts, expert opinions and real life victims, each animal is fully investigated to determine just how dangerous and life threatening it is.

72 Dangerous Animals Australia combines real life stories, beautifully filmed footage, and a host of characters who work and live with these unique Australian animals.

Foreign Correspondent
Australia’s leading foreign affairs program, multi award-winning Foreign Correspondent gives viewers a colourful look at the culture and lifestyles of people who usually don’t make international headlines. Fascinating and compelling, Foreign Correspondent also travels to places where reporters are less welcome, telling the stories that governments often don’t want told – of war, famine and the political upheavals that are a tragic reality in today’s world.
Between a Frock and a Hard Place

This is the story of how a low-budget Australian film – The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert – changed the course of history, loudly and proudly bringing a celebration of gay culture to the world that continues to resonate twenty years on. Between a Frock and a Hard Place is also a social history of gay culture in Australia, including interviews with the film’s key players – director, actors, and creative team as well as drag artists and members of the gay community.

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The Graceland Happiness Project

When Tim Dormer won Big Brother, he promised to take his friend Ben Zabel to Graceland, the home of his childhood idol Elvis Presley. What began as a holiday turned into a rescue mission to help Ben find a new lease on life after his ongoing struggle with depression came to a head with an attempted suicide. Tim and Ben’s journey to Memphis is a search for happiness, exploring everything from celebrity to civil rights, religion, music history and most importantly the power of friendship.

Changing Minds

Brave, raw and sometimes funny, Changing Minds goes inside the locked wards of a mental health unit in a busy metropolitan hospital following patients as they, with the help of the staff, work towards regaining their health.

Until now, what actually happens inside a modern mental health unit has rarely, if ever, been seen. As a result, fear, stigma and a lack of understanding exists.

Changing Minds provides insight into the complex, emotional and often difficult experiences of mental illness.

Great War Horses

Over 130,000 Australian horses served in the 1914-1918 war. None came home. This is their story. Known as Walers, they were a special kind of horse as they could withstand great heat, travel great distances and perform great feats in battle.

With over 70,000 succumbing to the horrors of the conflict, what happened to more than 50,000 horses, who gallantly served Australia’s forces, at war’s end?

The Search for the Ocean’s Super Predator

In the hidden depths of Australia’s wild Southern Ocean, a great white shark is savagely attacked by a far larger and faster mystery predator. An electronic tracking device attached to the great white records a high-speed underwater chase, before the shark and its tag are savagely devoured.

Two weeks later, the still functioning tag is washed ashore, holding clues that could reveal the identity of the shark’s super predator.

This is the story of a mysterious and powerful natural phenomenon that, for a few short weeks each year, attracts the ocean’s most fearsome predators.

Enigma Man – A Stone Age Mystery

A team of Australian and Chinese scientists discover mysterious ancient human remains from a remote cave in South West China. The bones are unlike any living human or any ancient human known to science, yet they were alive at the same time as humans of our own kind. Could they represent a new human species? And if so, what happened to these people? Join the investigation to unravel the mystery and travel back in time into their Stone Age world.
Head First

Head First is a series about everyday people living extraordinary lives in hidden worlds.

In series one, Sabour Bradley (Extreme Tourist: Afghanistan) enters the world of freedom fighters, celebrity sex tapes, Internet love scams, and Aboriginal teens living in the remote Northern Territory of Australia.

In series two, Sabour follows ‘Stem Cell Tourists’ as they search for a miracle cure, test anti-ageing drugs, go undercover with a team trying to save children from exploitation in Cambodian orphanages and explore porn addiction.

Tribal Scent

Tribal Scent examines the history of sandalwood, along with its present and potential future uses. It dives into its vital contribution to the global perfume industry. Indigenous Australians have been using sandalwood for meditation, body perfuming, cleansing ceremonies, medicines and love potions for millennia.

Tribal Scent explores how, through sandalwood, one of the oldest civilisations on the planet is working in harmony with one of the most sophisticated and urbane.

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Great White Matrix

Shark attack survivor and former elite Navy diver, Paul de Gelder and Emmy Award-winning underwater cameraman, Andy Casagrande explore the behaviour patterns of great white sharks and uncover the differences between fatal and non-fatal bites. Paul and Andy journey from a unique juvenile shark nursery, to deadly waters in remote South Australia, to analyse vital differences between sharks that kill humans and those that don’t. An in-situ investigative adventure, mixing courage and science, Great White Matrix proves that although all great white sharks are dangerous, not every one is a man-eater.

Birthplace of the Giants

Birthplace of the Giants is an epic scientific expedition where intrepid whale researchers Curt and Micheline Jenner travel to the remote humpback whale breeding grounds in the Kimberley of Western Australia.

Using the latest aerial camera drones and night vision technology, they capture never before seen footage and provide an impassioned insight into the secret life of the enigmatic humpback whale.

Life Series

An observational documentary series that chronicles the lives of a select number of children as they grow from infancy to adolescence.

Every two years, the filmmakers revisit these children and their families to gain an in-depth snapshot of their lives, examining what it takes to give a child the best chance in life.

Combining real life stories with cutting edge science, it offers a refreshing insight into contemporary family life.

The Life Series is a five-part series each comprised of 2 one-hour episodes:

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Factual
Who Killed Dr Bogle and Mrs Chandler?

At last, an answer to one of crime history’s great unsolved cases. When the bodies of brilliant physicist Dr Gilbert Bogle and his lover Mrs Margaret Chandler were found in bizarre circumstances on a Sydney riverbank in 1963, it captured the public imagination and launched an unprecedented murder investigation. However, the Coroner could find no cause of death, killer or motive. Now, four decades later, a new investigation uncovers explosive new evidence.

Stop at Nothing: The Lance Armstrong Story

This is an intimate but explosive story about the man behind the greatest fraud in sporting history. Lance Armstrong enriched himself by cheating his fans, his sport and the truth. But the former friends whose lives he destroyed would prove to be his nemesis.

The film reveals how Armstrong duped the world with his miraculous recovery from cancer to become a beacon of hope for cancer sufferers; how his cheating and bullying become more extreme; and how a few brave souls fought back, until eventually their voices were heard. This is a portrait of a man who will stop at nothing in pursuit of money, fame and success.

Tyke Elephant Outlaw

Tyke Elephant Outlaw is the gripping and emotionally charged story of Tyke, a circus elephant who went on a rampage in Honolulu in 1994, killed her trainer in front of thousands of spectators and died in a hail of gunfire.

Her break for freedom – filmed from start to tragic end – traumatised a city and ignited a global battle over the use of animals in the entertainment industry.

Through her former trainers and handlers, circus industry insiders, witnesses to her rampage, and animal rights activists for whom Tyke became a global rallying cry, the film raises fundamental questions about our connection to other species.

Crude

Crude - the incredible journey of oil. This extraordinary documentary travels through time: from the birth of oil deep in the dinosaur inhabited past, to its ascendency as the indispensable ingredient of modern life.

Now, as we crest the peak of production, the latest scientific evidence suggests that our headlong rush to exploit the remaining reserves will lead us down a dangerous road to the future. A road the planet has travelled before...

Globesity (Foreign Correspondent)

This startling program exposes the shocking explosion of global obesity. Globesity travels to China where the consumption of sugar and oil has led to an exponential expansion of waistlines; to Brazil where global food companies have fundamentally altered traditional diets; to India where it’s predicted 100 million people will soon be suffering diabetes and on to Mexico, the biggest consumer of soft drinks in the world, where diabetes is already the number one killer and where the weight problem is so big, special programs have been developed offering free exercise classes and stomach reduction surgery.

Tonic

Tonic is on a quest for the truth when it comes to our bodies and the things we pay people to do to them. Using the highest quality scientific evidence, Tonic challenges health myths and brings the world’s leading experts together with real patient stories, to deliver vital health information in an engaging and interactive format.
Cheese Slices

Filmed on location in the world’s most beautiful countryside, Cheese Slices is a passionate look at regional cheeses from the traditional to the innovative. A historical and culinary discovery, the show has explored 26 countries and their artisanal cheesemaking history.

In the latest series, Master of Cheese Will Studd travels to discover illegally smuggled cheese in Brazil, the world’s most expensive cheese in Sweden, Burrata and Pecorino in Italy, and Mac and Cheese in the United States.

Series 1: 6 x 30’
Series 2: 7 x 30’
Series 3: HD 9 x 30’
Series 4: HD 9 x 30’ plus HD 1 x 60’ special
Series 5: HD 8 x 30’ plus HD 1 x 60’ special
Series 6: HD 6 x 30’ & HD 2 x 60’ or HD 10 x 30’
Series 7: HD 8 x 30’
Series 8 to be delivered in 2016

Touring the globe, Cheese Slices takes a mouth-watering look at the world’s best-loved cheeses and explores the passion and the skill of the cheese makers who create them.
**The Flying Winemaker**

The Flying Winemaker is on a mission to change how wine is perceived and consumed across Asia. The series follows Hong Kong-based master winemaker, Eddie McDougall, as he sets out to discover the best wine being produced across Asia, the industry’s fastest growing market. Visiting an urban winery in Hong Kong and fascinating wine regions in China, India, Malaysia, Japan and Thailand, he searches for undiscovered varieties to make them accessible to the world.

Eddie also matches wines with exotic dishes, showcasing how Asian meals can be enjoyed with wine varieties from around the globe.

**Surfing the Menu**

In the original international hit series, two celebrity chefs go on a surfing and cooking safari around Australia. It's a gastronomical adventure across the sun, fun and food-filled land of Oz - one part travel adventure and two parts cooking show. Meet unconventional characters and discover the unique produce of Australia, cooked in some of the most spectacular locations on Earth.

In series four the adventure continues in New Zealand where, along with a local chef, the program explores the amazing produce, the stunning scenery - and the incredible surf - of this amazing country.

**Gardening Australia**

Gardening Australia is a long running series providing practical, realistic, and credible horticultural and gardening advice, inspiring and entertaining those with a love of gardening. Presented by leading horticultural experts and passionate gardeners, Gardening Australia is a valuable resource to all gardeners. The series regularly features stories from remote and naturally beautiful regions, along with tips on organic gardening, recycling, pruning, and container gardening. Even the laziest armchair gardeners can become expert botanists!

**Fashion ASIA**

Fashion ASIA explores fashion, design, art and youth culture as fashion blogger Margaret Zhang and TV presenter Courtney Dober submerge themselves in the culture of thirteen cities across Asia and Australia. Discovering the delights of Bali, Shanghai, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Bangkok, New Delhi, Seoul, Manila, Kuala Lumpur, Jakarta, Singapore, Sydney, and Melbourne, Fashion ASIA leaves no stone unturned in the quest to find all things on trend.

**Poh’s Kitchen**

A trained designer and artist, Poh Ling Yeow also loves cooking. In the sumptuous first series, Poh welcomes internationally-renowned chefs into her kitchen, where together they create succulent, mouth watering dishes. They share their tips and techniques with Poh, and explore different styles of cooking.

In Poh’s Kitchen on the Road, Poh travels around Australia and Asia, clocking up more fantastic food experiences, some not for the faint hearted, and all definitely unique.

**The Cook and the Chef**

She has a reputation for home cooking. He creates five-star restaurant masterpieces on a daily basis. She’s a self-taught, instinctive cook. He’s a highly trained professional.

Meet Maggie Beer and Simon Bryant – transforming local seasonal produce into dishes you can’t wait to re-create.

This is the perfect recipe for TV - she cooks, he chefs, and together, they sizzle.
The Einstein Factor

Put your passions to the test. Put your knowledge against another’s.
Welcome to the offbeat quiz show that balances wit and wisdom, where ordinary people share their in-depth knowledge of bizarre hobbies and past times. To win, they have to beat other contestants and a panel of learned challengers called ‘The Brains Trust’ in front of a live studio audience.

Kitchen Cabinet

Kitchen Cabinet leads us into the homes of notable politicians, engaging viewers in a way that a press conference never could. During the visit, respected journalist Annabel Crabb talks food, recipes and politics with MPs from all sides of the political fence. Inviting viewers to see another side of these leading political players, Kitchen Cabinet is both popular and entertaining – delivering a refreshing human touch, persuading politicians to drop their guard, get beyond the sound bite, and show off their skills in the kitchen.

The Agony of Life Series

Welcome to the compendium to survive the perils and pitfalls of modern day life. Each uniquely themed series takes a comical romp through different aspects of 21st century existence, as seen through the eyes of Australia’s wisest and wittiest Agony Aunts and Uncles.

The series includes:
- Agony Aunts 6 x 30’ HD
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- The Agony of Modern Manners 6 x 30’ HD
- The Agony of Christmas 1 x 30’ HD
- Agony 6 x 27’ HD

Back Seat Drivers

In this series, comedians get behind the wheel of a taxi cab to take the pulse of the nation. In an irreverent ride around town with everyday customers, the cabbie comedians are agent provocateurs in search of the truth. The trouble is ‘truth’ comes in many flavours and, when you never know who might jump in the backseat, the only thing certain is a journey full of surprises.

Each episode features a host and three cabbie comedians in separate taxis tasked with uncovering the most compelling ‘truths’ about a topical issue.

The New Inventors

Join The New Inventors in a fascinating search for the most amazing inventions and trend-setting designs. Be spellbound by the latest creations from the new generation of inventors beavering away in their studios, sheds, laboratories and kitchens. Celebrate the art of invention and design as in each episode three inventors pitch their prototypes to a panel of architects, designers, engineers and scientists, who evaluate the idea on its merits.

Spicks and Specks

This is a highly entertaining, quirky music themed TV show with a unique vibe and just the right mix of music and comedy. Team Captains and their celebrity contestants go head to head as they sing, shout and delve deep into the recesses of their collective minds to help their team to victory. Live music, singing and joking, long forgotten video clips, album covers, and loads of information you never thought anyone could know, combine to entertain and enlighten.

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In this series, comedians get behind the wheel of a taxi cab to take the pulse of the nation. In an irreverent ride around town with everyday customers, the cabbie comedians are agent provocateurs in search of the truth. The trouble is ‘truth’ comes in many flavours and, when you never know who might jump in the backseat, the only thing certain is a journey full of surprises.

Each episode features a host and three cabbie comedians in separate taxis tasked with uncovering the most compelling ‘truths’ about a topical issue.

The New Inventors

Join The New Inventors in a fascinating search for the most amazing inventions and trend-setting designs. Be spellbound by the latest creations from the new generation of inventors beavering away in their studios, sheds, laboratories and kitchens. Celebrate the art of invention and design as in each episode three inventors pitch their prototypes to a panel of architects, designers, engineers and scientists, who evaluate the idea on its merits.

Spicks and Specks

This is a highly entertaining, quirky music themed TV show with a unique vibe and just the right mix of music and comedy. Team Captains and their celebrity contestants go head to head as they sing, shout and delve deep into the recesses of their collective minds to help their team to victory. Live music, singing and joking, long forgotten video clips, album covers, and loads of information you never thought anyone could know, combine to entertain and enlighten.

The Einstein Factor

Put your passions to the test. Put your knowledge against another’s.
Welcome to the offbeat quiz show that balances wit and wisdom, where ordinary people share their in-depth knowledge of bizarre hobbies and past times. To win, they have to beat other contestants and a panel of learned challengers called ‘The Brains Trust’ in front of a live studio audience.

Kitchen Cabinet

Kitchen Cabinet leads us into the homes of notable politicians, engaging viewers in a way that a press conference never could. During the visit, respected journalist Annabel Crabb talks food, recipes and politics with MPs from all sides of the political fence. Inviting viewers to see another side of these leading political players, Kitchen Cabinet is both popular and entertaining – delivering a refreshing human touch, persuading politicians to drop their guard, get beyond the sound bite, and show off their skills in the kitchen.
Sammy J is a hopeless, down-and-out lawyer, who six years into his legal career is yet to win a case. And Randy is a cheating, gambling, drinking divorcee who also happens to be a purple puppet!

Randy hit rock bottom after his divorce lawyer, Sammy J, managed to lose him everything. So Sammy J offered his spare room to Randy for a fortnight. That was twelve months ago. Now Sammy J and Randy are inseparable – loyal, eccentric, and prone to bursting into song at any given moment.

Welcome to Ricketts Lane, where The Odd Couple and Wilfred collide. Loud, bright, catchy, filthy, pun-filled, twisted, and bursting with heart, Sammy J & Randy in Ricketts Lane is what happens when good, old-fashioned story telling crashes headlong into an acclaimed, award-winning comedy duo.

HD 6 x 26'
Sticky Pictures

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Figaro Pho, the world's most loveable scaredy pants, has mustered up the courage to venture outside his mansion and into the big, wild world. Supported by a hilarious new cast of quirky friends (including Snotty Ronald, Obsessive Prudence and Skater Boy Rudy), Figaro and his mechanical dog Rivet feel confident that they can now take on the simple pleasures of life, such as going to a movie, skateboarding a half pipe or trying their hand at martial arts.


Also available:
Figaro Pho 26 x 1.5'
The Adventures of Figaro Pho HD 13 x 22' and HD 39 x 8'

Whether it's facing a stinky cheese monster, mastering time travel, taming possessed bagpipes or overcoming zombies, you can be certain that Figaro's tales will leave audiences in stitches.
Ready, Steady, Wiggle!

Ready, Steady, Wiggle! Series 1 and Series 2 are the premiere series from the new Wiggles line-up featuring brand new songs, along with fresh interpretations of Wiggles favourites. Anthony, Lachy, Simon and Emma (the first-ever female Wiggle) engage, entertain and inform children with their catchy songs and delightful friends. The Wiggles’ success is based on an understanding of children and engaging the physical, social, emotional and cognitive child. This educational background combined with entertaining music makes Ready, Steady, Wiggle! a sure hit for young children.

The Wiggles Meet the Orchestra

The Wiggles Meet the Orchestra is a unique piece of content introducing children to the symphony orchestra. The Wiggles – joined by their friends including Andy the conductor, Dorothy the Dinosaur and Wags the Dog – perform some of their favourite songs to the accompaniment of the world-renowned Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, and provide accessible introductions to the sights and sounds of the orchestra. A wonderful musical and educational experience for preschoolers.

Emma!

Every day is a bowliful day when it’s spent singing and dancing with Emma!

In Emma from The Wiggles first TV series she invites the audience into her special bow room where every day holds a new adventure. One thing’s for sure, when you’re spending time with Emma you’re in for a wiggles-tastic time.

So grab your tutu and get your dancing feet ready to join the effervescent singing, dancing, drum playing, French speaking, bow wearing yellow Wiggle, Emma!

Play School Adventures

Each series focuses on an overarching theme which is explored by a favourite character as they go on adventures accompanied by friendly and much loved Play School hosts.

Little Ted’s Big Adventure 20 x 3’ HD – Little Ted explores things that move such as planes, trains, helicopters and boats.

Jemima’s Big Adventure 10 x 3’ HD – Jemima goes on fun-filled play dates exploring the imagination of preschoolers, including pirates, fairies, queens and dinosaurs.

Big Ted’s Big Adventure 20 x 4’ HD – Big Ted ventures into the Animal Kingdom to get up close with some of the most treasured animals.

Humpy’s Big Adventure 16 x 4’ HD – Humphy sets out to try many different sports such as skateboarding, soccer, gymnastics and ballet.

Bananas in Pyjamas

The much loved preschool series Bananas in Pyjamas entertains in an exciting CGI animated series! Boasting adventures, stories and music, those lovable Bananas, B1 and B2, are joined by their best friends from Cuddlestown, the adorable teddies, Lulu, Morgan and Amy and the mischievous Rat. The Bananas get up to their typically hilarious antics and, as always, they can count on their friends to join in with their slap-stick adventures.

Also available: Original live action series Exclusive Asian Distribution Rights ABC Commercial
Five Minutes More

Discover the wonderful world of five furry friends who live on a magical patchwork quilt and love to tell each other stories. One is the storyteller who sets the scene, one is the dedicated listener (and chief interrupter) and the other three create the characters and act out the stories. With its soft ‘hand-sewn’ look and familiar story-telling style – complete with interruptions, questions and detours – this engaging series gently draws young viewers in for Five Minutes More.

Available in Spanish

The WotWots

From the creative minds of the Academy Award-winning Weta Workshop (Lord of the Rings, Jane and The Dragon, Thunderbirds Are Go!), come the delightful adventures of two small puppet-like aliens – a brother and sister – who come to explore planet Earth in their steam powered spaceship. They land in a zoo and set out to discover all the exotic creatures that live there. The discoveries continue in Series Two when they land on a farm, and travel to the sea shore.

The two series celebrate the joy of discovery and the strange and extraordinary diversity of life on the planet.

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HD 104 x 10’ (2 series) | Preschool
Pukeko Pictures

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Drama

The Secret River

An epic tragedy in which a good man is compelled by desperation, fear, ambition and love for his family to participate in a crime of inhuman savagery. Through the deeply personal story of early convict colonists William and Sal Thornhill, The Secret River dramatises the British colonisation of Australia. The dispossession of Indigenous Australians is made comprehensible and ultimately heart-breaking as Thornhill’s claim over a piece of land by a river brings his family and neighbours into a fight for survival with its traditional custodians.

Starring Oliver Jackson-Cohen (Mr Selfridge, Raven, Dracula) and Sarah Snook (Predestination, Sisters of War, The Dressmaker, Steve Jobs and The Beautiful Lie.)

Based on Kate Grenville’s meticulously researched Man Booker nominated bestselling novel, adapted by two of Australia’s most talented and internationally successful screenwriters, Jan Sardi and Mac Gudgeon.

HD 2 x 85’ or HD 4 x 45’
Ruby Entertainment

AWARD WINNER
MDA

Hospitals can be dangerous places. Mistakes can be made. Lives can be seriously shattered or lost. When that happens someone has to pay. That’s when doctors turn to MDA – the medical defence and indemnity organisation that must negotiate its way through ethical minefields and around litigious lawyers. Rarely has a television show been this gripping and this topical.

MDA stars international award-winning actors Kerry Armstrong and Jason Donovan.

The Silence

Under investigation for a fatal shooting, Detective Richard Treloar is transferred to a desk job at the Police Museum. While preparing a photographic exhibition, he becomes obsessed by an archival image of a beautiful murder victim. When one of his leads turns up dead, his ‘cold case’ is officially re-opened - and he’s the prime suspect. Richard Roxburgh (Rake) is a revelation as the police officer who, tortured by what’s been left unsaid in his life and driven by fragments of memory, unwittingly investigates himself.

Carlotta

Based on the extraordinary life of the iconic Les Girls headliner and Australian transgender pioneer, Jessica Marais (Packed to the Rafters, Love Child) stars as Carlotta. A universal story about identity, family, tolerance and acceptance. Carlotta lays bare the life of the confused teenager named Richard and her eventual emergence as the all conquering drag queen and performer. Spanning forty years, Carlotta is an uplifting celebration of finding your place in the world and making your mark against all odds.

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Changi

In times of war, humour is hardly a defence, but it was the thing that got six young men through their ordeal in the notorious WWII Japanese Prison Camp called Changi. With its sudden shifts from past to present, from light-hearted camaraderie to moments of surreal terror, from intense reality to dream fantasy, Changi is a unique drama that captures the horrors of war, the pain of memory and the power of laughter.

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These recent recordings include:

- Aida HD 1 x 141’
- Madama Butterfly HD 1 x 142’
- Carmen HD 1 x 142’
- La Traviata HD 1 x 130’

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Photography: Georges Antoni

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