

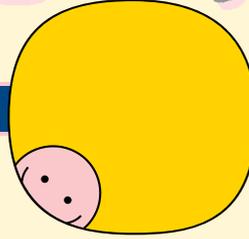
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My Place



ABC1 7.30pm Sunday evenings from 28 February 2010

Sunday night family viewing of quality Australian programs returns to the ABC on the 28th of February with the screening of **My Place**.

My Place, produced by Penny Chapman (The Leaving of Liverpool, Brides of Christ, Remote Area Nurse), is based on the classic Australian picture book by Nadia Wheatley and Donna Rawlins. The epic series takes viewers back into the past, depicting the history of one piece of land in Sydney through the eyes of the children who lived there.

The series features a stellar Australian cast including Susie Porter, Dan Wiley and Chris Haywood.

Australian schools can record **My Place** to use in the classroom. They will also be able to purchase the series on DVD and accompanying DVD-Rom for teachers through the Australian Children's Television Foundation. In March, the ACTF, Curriculum Corporation and The Learning Federation will launch **My Place for Teachers** (www.myplace.edu.au) a free educational interactive website to support the use of the series in the curriculum.

This impressive children's series ... is engaging and charming.
Rachel Olding, Sydney Morning Herald

The premise of this show is genuinely intriguing ... a sampling of the first six episodes reveals a developing narrative that gets more and more interesting the further back in time we travel.

Jim Schembri, The Age

My Place - it's finishing too quick!!
"hpfan" posting on the ABC3 website

I looove My Place! They have to replay it!!!! It's really dramatic, but you also get to know what life was like in the past - it's just amazing! I reckon it's cool how in one episode, someone's a Mum, and then it goes back, and the next, they're a kid!"
"peekadog" posting on the ABC3 website



ABC3 Launch

At 6.00pm on Friday 4 December 2009 the Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon Kevin Rudd, flicked the switch on a giant remote control to officially launch ABC3.

The moment was broadcast live to the nation on ABC1, and all sectors of the television industry were at the ABC in Sydney to celebrate.

In his speech to the television industry at the ABC, the Prime Minister said:

"This is a great day for Australian kids. And it is also a great day for public broadcasting.

For those of you who are here who were behind

the vision of a children's television channel for Australia way before I ever was elected to this office, can I say to each and every one of you, thank you. You kept a vision alive, you kept it afloat, you kept animating it with your passion, and your commitment, and you were able to beat down the doors of government and political parties and register your message, and your message was finally received. I thank you for keeping the flame alive...

The great thing about kids' television is that it excites the imagination. It excites kids' ability to dream. It excites what they can feel. It excites the ability to look beyond the practical and the physical and begin to play in their imagination

about what sort of person they might become or what sort of community or country one day they might build. Encouraging a child's imagination to roam and run freely is part and parcel of creating a creative Australia ... It is a wonderful thing that you are doing here and I encourage you in it."

ABC3 is so awesome I watch it nearly every day ... Prank Patrol and My Place and I love all the people. "DuckHappySmile" posting on ABC3 website



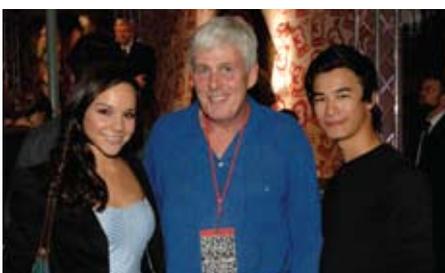
Prime Minister Kevin Rudd launches ABC3 on the "Countdown to 3" show with Holly Fraser (from **My Place**) and ABC3 personalities



Jenny Buckland and Kim Dalton



Bernadette O'Mahony, Helen Panckhurst, Alan Madden and Nadia Wheatley



Dena Kaplan, Tim Brooke-Hunt and Jordan Rodrigues

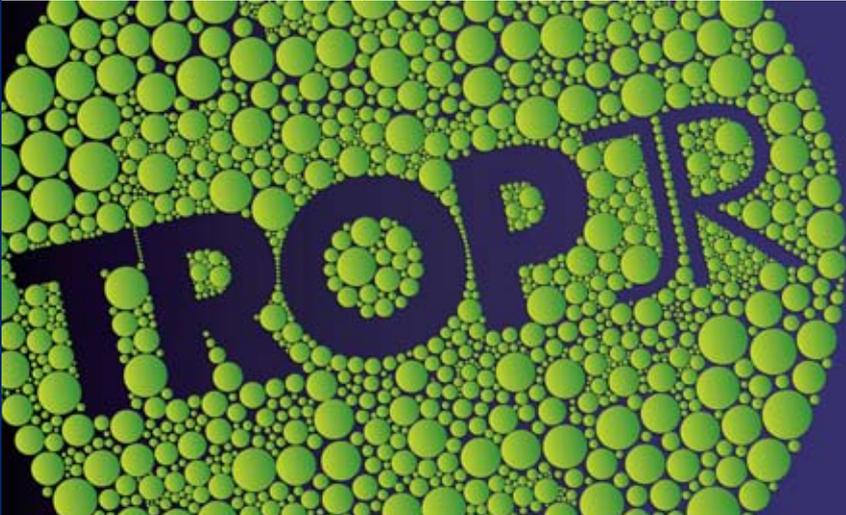


Maurice Newman and Prime Minister Kevin Rudd with ABC3 stars



Phil Lambert, Jenny Buckland, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, Terry Bracks, Feyi Akindoyeni and Catriona Hughes

Trop Jr – Sunday 21st of February



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THE DOMAIN, SYDNEY
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21ST 2010
FREE • FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.TROPJR.COM

THE WORLD'S LARGEST SHORT FILM FESTIVAL FOR KIDS BY KIDS

ABC3 has joined forces with Tropfest and the ACTF to be the media partner for Trop Jr.

Trop Jr gives children all around Australia an exciting opportunity to express their ideas and imagination. The 14 finalist films will be shown on the big screen at public events in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Canberra and will be broadcast nationally on ABC3.

Sydney

The finalist films will be screened at a free public event in the Domain in Sydney on Sunday 21 February 2010. There will be entertainment from 12.00pm, with the films screening from 1.30pm. Yumi Stymes and ABC3's Kayne and Amberley will be hosting the event. If you are in Sydney, bring a picnic and a rug, your family and friends, and come to the gardens for a great afternoon to meet ABC3 personalities and watch the films as they are screened to a celebrity judging panel.

You can also see the Trop Jr films at these other free events around the country:

Melbourne

ACMI Cinemas, Federation Square
3.00pm for 3.30pm screening,
Sunday 21 February 2010

Canberra

Stage 88, Commonwealth Park, northern foreshores of Lake Burley Griffin
Gates open at 2.00pm, Trop Jr screening at 4.00pm,
Sunday 21 February 2010

Brisbane

Riverside Green, The Parklands at Southbank
Gates open at 4.00pm, Trop Jr screening at 4.30pm,
Sunday 21 February 2010

Surfers Paradise

Circle on Cavill, Corner Caven Avenue and Ferny Avenue,
Surfers Paradise
3.30pm, Sunday 21 February 2010

Visit <http://tropjr.com/au/events> for further information or to check for other cities.

14 Trop JR finalists announced!

Title: 2 OF ME

Director: Kool Kids Club (group entry)
State: NSW

Title: BILLY AND HIS DOG

Director: Silvermay Darlison-Raines
(group entry)
State: QLD

Title: FROG LEGS

Director: Emma Graham
State: NSW

Title: ART OF THEFT, THE

Director: Jeremy Bonwick & Julia
Faragher
State: VIC

Title: D'AMOUR COURTE

Director: Sam Wickham
State: NSW

Title: IN SILENCE OR INDIFFERENCE

Director: Clare Cornish
State: NSW

Title: BEHIND THE GROUPS

Director: Justin Westlake & Declan Green
State: NSW

Title: CRAWFORD AND JEEVES

Director: Sarah-Jane Petts
State: NSW

Title: MARSHMALLOW REVENGE

Director: Chester Greaves & Callen Hardie
State: VIC

Title: BIKINI

Director: Ellen Wiltshire
State: SA

Title: EVERY COIN HAS TWO SIDES

Director: Peter Richardson & Joshua Raish
State: NSW

Title: RISE UP

Director: Year 5/6C Greenway Park Public
School (group entry)
State: NSW

Title: BUBBLEGUM THEORY, THE

Director: Ella Sandor
State: NSW

Title: FORGOTTEN

Director: Hannah Meegan
State: NSW

Independent Projects Investment Program – Board Approvals

At its meeting on 24 November 2009 the Board approved investment in the following projects:

Mong and Oose (animated series)
Studio Moshi (VIC)

\$12,945 was committed for further developing the series bible, writing storylines and four scripts, and revising visuals for the series.

Mong and Oose, two creatures from the ice age, find themselves in the modern world when their icy tree-stump home thaws.

Lah-Lah's Big Live Band (variety-music series)
Lah-Lah Productions (NSW)

\$8,000 was committed to develop a series bible and script for the series.

Lah-Lah's Big Live Band is a pre-school music series that explores sounds, songs and musical instruments in a vibrant, colourful and visually engaging way.

The Hed (music series)
Hackett Films (NSW)

\$12,650 was committed towards further development and production of a pilot.

The Hed is a half hour music show for 8-15 year olds where music and comedy connect with the audience.

New Board Members



Jan Andrews is the Deputy Chief Executive, Schools & Children's Services, in the Department of Education and Children's Services (DECS), South Australia.

Initially a secondary school teacher in Victoria, where she initiated a nationally recognised literacy program for low-achieving students, Jan has had a distinguished career in public service in Victoria (where she worked in the Victorian State Board of Education and the Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet) and in South Australia (where she was the Deputy Commissioner for Public Employment before accepting her current role). Jan is responsible for the operations of schools and children's services in South Australia, including Aboriginal education, curriculum, international education and early childhood services. Jan also chairs Government Skills Australia, the national industry skills body for the public sector. Jan represents the South Australian Government on the Board.

Kevin Gillan is currently Head, School Education and Training Operations, in the Northern Territory Department of Education and Training.

Kevin has also been a District Director Education and Principal in various regions throughout Western Australia and has taught in schools in New Zealand and the United Kingdom. Kevin has a long term research interest in Indigenous Education and related issues. He is also currently a Director on the Curriculum Corporation Board. Kevin represents the Northern Territory Government on the Board.



Adam Smith is the CEO of The Foundation for Young Australians (FYA), an independent organisation committed to improving the learning outcomes and life chances for young people.

As an advocate for youth development, education and strategic philanthropy, Adam's views have been widely disseminated in Australia and internationally. Adam has worked with the Coalition for the Homeless in New York, in remote villages in Northern Thailand, and as the CEO of the Education Foundation in Australia. He is a founding board member of Changemakers Australia. Adam's work has been acknowledged through three nominations for Young Australian of the Year (in 2010 Adam was a finalist for Victorian Young Australian of the Year); by The Age newspaper who named him one of Australia's 40 most influential people under 40; and by the Australian Financial Review BOSS Magazine who selected Adam as one of Australia's six Young Executives of the Year. Adam represents the Victorian Government on the Board.

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