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## Nowhere Boys On Air

Four mismatched teenage boys; Felix (a Goth), Jake (an alpha jock), Sam (the golden child) and Andy (a nerd) get lost during a school excursion and re-emerge into a world where they have never been born. The boys are then forced to fend for themselves and grapple with basic questions of survival.

This 13-part first series follows the four boys in their quest to find out what has happened to them, and to get home. *Nowhere Boys* combines supernatural action-adventure elements with comedy and genuine human drama.

The first four episodes of *Nowhere Boys* premiered at the 2013 Melbourne International Film Festival (MIFF).

"It arrives bearing hallmarks of a future Australian classic," wrote Crikey Cinetology Blogger Luke Buckmaster.

Dougie Baldwin, who plays the Goth character Felix was also at the MIFF cinema screening of *Nowhere Boys*.

"I think the audience loved it because they laughed in all the right places and I heard a lot of ooohs and aaaahhs," said Dougie.

*Nowhere Boys* is currently showing on Thursdays at 6.30pm on ABC3 and on ABC's catch up television service iView.

The series was produced by Matchbox Pictures and was financed with the assistance of the ACTF, Film Victoria, ABC3 and Screen Australia. The series is distributed internationally by NBCUniversal.



In addition to the television series there is an online game companion that unfolds as each episode is broadcast. The game's narrative runs parallel to the TV series until both stories converge, revealing a dramatic twist.

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# MY24



Perry Parker, Polar Possum

## FUNDING APPROVALS

At its meeting in August 2013 the ACTF Board approved development investment in the following projects:

**My Life in 50 Words or Less** (live-action drama series) Big Change Films (NSW/ VIC) \$20,000 for concept development.

**Perry Parker, Polar Possum** (Animation) Sticky Pictures (NSW) \$14,828 for concept and script development.

**My Life as a Movie** (live-action drama series) Eddy Wong Films (NSW) \$11,100 for concept development.

The next Funding Application deadline is 13 January 2014 please visit our website for more details.



MY24, a factual entertainment series of 13 x 24 minutes (or 26 x 12 minutes) where young people chronicle the impact of a life-changing experience, is currently in production with Essential Media & Entertainment.

This series will be an upbeat, visual feast of social media-inspired storytelling. The producers have unearthed a fascinating collection of young Australians, each of whom has a story around an event or epiphany that occurred in a 24 hour period and which has profoundly shaped their lives, triggering change and pointing them to an uplifting future. The series will feature a breadth of stories ranging from light to moving, funny to weird, powerful and inspiring. Each young protagonist is at the heart of every story in every sense – telling the story in their own words and images.



The Executive Producers for Essential Media & Entertainment are Penny Robins and Carmel Travers. The series is being produced for ABC3 and will be distributed worldwide by the ACTF.

## WACKY WORLD BEATERS

*Wacky World Beaters* (20 x 30min) is currently in production. TV presenter Amberley Lobo and funny guy William Gill are on a global expedition to find the world's ultimate wacky sport!

The series is being filmed in more than 10 countries across Europe, the UK and Asia, and dives into the world of the most unique and wacky competitions as well as

the cultures, history and incredible scenery surrounding them.

*Wacky World Beaters* is produced by activeTV Originals with the assistance of Film Victoria and will be distributed by the Australian Children's Television Foundation.

*Wacky World Beaters* will screen next year on ABC3.

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# Bushwhacked!

## NEW SERIES AND CO-HOST

*Bushwhacked!* has been popular in Australia and around the world. Following its success, a second series is in production and has a new co-host.

Kamil Ellis, a 14-year-old Wiradjuri boy joins ABC3's energetic Kayne Tremills on a wild adventure around Australia in *Bushwhacked! Series 2*.

The 13 x 24 minute live action documentary series, is being produced by Mint Pictures.

"We are so excited to have Kamil as part of the second season. His

energy, knowledge and passion for all things *Bushwhacked!* will translate into a fantastic relationship with Kayne and for sure bring some glorious images to the screen," said Adam Kay, Mint Pictures Head of Programming.

Kamil Ellis has been performing traditional Aboriginal song and dance since the age of two, and he made his TV acting debut in the award-winning *My Place*.

He also landed a guest star role in series three of *Dance Academy*, recently appeared in the Sydney

Dance Company's production *The Secret River*, and performed with the Ganang Spirit Dancers as a lead dancer and singer in traditional language.

Throughout the series, Kamil shows Kayne Indigenous rites and rituals and intriguing aspects of native wildlife, as well as challenging him to some heart-pounding missions, including racing a whale shark and hugging a sawfish.

*Bushwhacked! Series 2* will be distributed internationally by the ACTF.

## WHAT'S ON TV?

### **Nowhere Boys**

Thursdays 6.30pm ABC3

### **You're Skitting Me - Series**

2 Saturdays 6.05pm ABC3

### **Handball Heroes**

Saturdays 4.35pm and  
Sundays 5.25pm ABC3

### **World Animal Championships (WAC)**

Sundays 3.35pm and  
Thursdays 7.55pm ABC3

### **Double Trouble**

Sundays 7.30pm NITV

### **Lockie Leonard - Series 1**

Saturdays 8.20pm  
Nickelodeon  
Sundays 3.10pm ABC3  
Fridays 10.00am ABC1  
Schools TV

### **Lockie Leonard - Series 2**

Saturdays 12.00pm GO!

### **Round the Twist - Series 4**

Weekdays 3.00pm ABC3

### **My Place - Series 1**

Tuesdays 10.30am ABC1  
Schools TV and  
2.15pm Sundays ABC3

### **Mortified**

Mondays 3.30pm ABC3 and  
Sundays 11.20am ABC3

### **Waabiny Time**

Weekdays 9.00am and  
3.00pm NITV

### **The Dukes of Bröxtônia - Series 3**

Sundays 4.50pm ABC3

### **I Got a Rocket!**

Weekdays 9.45am ABC3 and  
Sundays 1.50pm ABC3

# Awards and Nominations



## ACTF SUPPORTED PRODUCTIONS HAVE RECENTLY WON OR BEEN NOMINATED FOR A NUMBER OF AWARDS.

### **AWGIES**

Samantha Strauss (pictured) won an Australian Writers' Guild (AWGIE) Award for her scriptwriting of "A Perfect Storm" from *Dance Academy Series 3* in the Children's Television C Classification category.

### **ATOM**

*Dance Academy Series 3* and *Bushwhacked! Series 1* are in the running for an Australian Teachers of Media (ATOM) Award in the Best Children's Television Program category. The winner will be announced at the 2013 IPAF ATOM Industry Awards Night on 28 November.

### **SPAA Finalists**

The Screen Producers Association of Australia Awards recognise the creation of outstanding screen content by Australian production companies. Sticky Pictures, the company behind *The Dukes of Bröxtônia* and Werner Film Productions, responsible for *Dance Academy*, are both finalists in the Children's Television Production category. The winner will be announced on 20 November during the SPAA Screen Forever Conference 2013.

