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Ready For This IN PRODUCTION

Ready For This, an exciting new teen drama series from the producers of the multi award winning *Dance Academy* and *Redfern Now*, has just completed filming in Sydney and is now in post production.

Ready For This follows five Indigenous kids, all elite within their own field, who have come to the city to explore their dreams. For some it's the opportunity of a lifetime, for others it's a last chance. Strangers living a long way from home, the last thing they expect to find is family.

The ensemble cast includes Leonie Whyman, Madeleine Madden, Aaron McGrath, Dylan Brockman, Ava Ban, Reece Scott, along with adult cast members Christine Anu and Lasarus Ratuere.

A joint venture between Werner Film Productions and Blackfella Films, *Ready For This* is being produced for the ABC,

in association with Screen Australia and Screen NSW. The Australian Children's Television Foundation will distribute the series worldwide.

The series is being produced by Joanna Werner and Miranda Dear and executive produced by Joanna Werner, Darren Dale, Simon Hopkinson and the ACTF's Bernadette O'Mahony.

Ready For This will launch with a special one-hour premiere, followed by 12 half hour episodes and is set to screen later this year on ABC3.

BUSHWHACKED! SERIES 3 ON AIR



Bushwhacked! Season 3 is currently screening each Monday at 5.25pm on ABC3 with repeats each Sunday at 5.40pm. (Premiered Monday May 4 at 5.15pm)

"The future of purpose-made Australian content for younger people is constantly in peril, and when you see a show like *Bushwhacked!* it seems all the more important local networks keep investing in it. It's a cracker. The pairing of sassy, pint-sized Wiradjuri boy Kamil Ellis and whiter-than-white Kayne Tremills is inspired. Their easy chemistry and natural relationship with the camera make this delightful viewing. A class act." Melinda Houston, *The Age*, Sunday 3 May 2015

AWARDS



Nowhere Boys won the Award for Most Outstanding Children's Program at the 57th TV Week Logie Awards held in Melbourne on Sunday 3 May 2015. *Nowhere Boys* also won the Banff Rockie Award for Best Youth Fiction at the 2015 Banff World Media Festival held in Canada in June.

The Flamin' Thongs won a Gold Remi Award for Best Television Animation and *Bushwhacked!* (Series 2) won a Gold Remi Award for Television and Cable Production: Children's Audience at the 48th Worldfest-Houston International Film & Video Festival held in Houston, Texas in April 2015.



Little Lunch ON AIR

Little Lunch is a 26 x 15 minute mockumentary comedy series that takes place during 15 highly significant minutes of a child's life - snack time in the primary school playground.

The series for ABC3 is inspired by the books written by Danny Katz and illustrated by Mitch Vane. *Little Lunch* has become a vibrant and truthful character comedy for the small screen. Each self-contained episode revolves around, and is told by, six different children. *Little Lunch* tackles the big issues in the playground and uses observational humour to explore the themes which govern the lives of children: fear, anxiety, friendship, loyalty, trust and abandonment. *Little Lunch* is an eminently relatable comedy with heart.

The young cast members include Faith Seci, Flynn Curry, Oisín O'Leary, Olivia Deeble, Madison Lu and Joshua Sitch, with Heidi Ingham in the role of the teacher Mrs Gonscha.

Little Lunch is produced and written by Robyn Butler and Wayne Hope and directed by Wayne Hope, with Erin White, Ian Reiser and Bob Franklin. Bernadette O'Mahony and Simon Hopkinson are executive producers.

The production company is Gristmill and the series is supported by Screen Australia and Film Victoria. The ACTF will distribute the series worldwide.

Little Lunch will screen weeknights at 4.30pm from Monday 20 July on ABC3.

International Sales

The ACTF sales managers Tim Hegarty and Roberta Di Vito have returned from a busy MIPTV. The programs that the ACTF supports travel all around the world, and this year is no exception.

Bushwhacked! has been sold to Discovery Channel Asia, TV Ontario, National Geographic Kids USA, TG4 Ireland and to Middle East Media.

"We are excited to add this series to our line-up this season," said Pat Ellingson, Creative Head Children's and Parents' Media at TVO. "The whole family can get together; follow the adventures of Kayne and Kamil all while learning about conservation, wildlife, and the culture of Australia."

The Dukes of Broxtonia has been sold to the Disney XD Channel, USA, whilst *World Animal Championships (WAC)* has been sold to the Disney Channel UK. WAC will also be seen in the USA on National Geographic Kids.

"*Bushwhacked!* and WAC really capture the kind of programming we want to focus on for our new digital channel in the US – funny, factual and fit for the curious, tween-aged child! Families can enjoy these shows and many others on the Nat Geo Kids channel on Roku and YouTube," said Emma Rigney, Creative Producer – NG Kids' Video Platforms.



Hugo Rose, CEO, Televis Entertainment and Tim Hegarty at MIPTV 2015

Worst Year of My Life, Again! has been sold to ARD Germany for broadcast on KiKA and RTV Slovenia. *Lockie Leonard* and *Mortified* will continue to delight their Latin American fans on Netflix Latin America, while *My Place 1 & 2* has been sold to TV Brazil.

The ACTF has now appointed Televis Entertainment as our sub-distributor in Latin America and has also recently appointed Lionel Marty of The Distribution Factory as our new sales agent in France.

Board Meeting

SCRIPT DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS

At its meetings in March and June the Board approved the following script development investments:

Billie B Brown

Heatwave

Lexie & Lottie

Independence

Drop Dead Weird

Princess Pictures (VIC)

Bravado Productions (NSW)

SLR Productions (NSW)

The Content Agency (NSW)

Air Pig Productions (NSW)

\$12,300

\$15,787

\$21,175

\$ 8,000

\$11,300





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Joan Kirner was a member of the ACTF Board from 2001–2006, representing the Victorian Government. ACTF Chairman Janet Holmes à Court says “Joan was a wonderful Board member. Her interest in community building, her capacity to establish networks and her experience in operating in political circles were invaluable assets which she shared generously with us. She provided extremely wise and strategic advice on numerous occasions, which assisted the organisation to adapt to a changing environment, build important bridges and develop in new directions.” Among her many interests and contributions to the Victorian and Australian communities, Joan was also passionate about children having access to quality media and Australian stories and she cared deeply for all ACTF staff.

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