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Sonia Kruger returns home to Seven

The Seven Network today announced that Sonia Kruger is returning to the network in 2020.

Sonia's considerable experience with live television audiences will be on display as a judge on the ultimate talent showdown, *Australia's Got Talent: The Champions*, and as host of the international family blockbuster, *Mega Mini Golf*. Sonia will also be part of Seven's broadcast team for *Tokyo 2020*, projected to be the biggest broadcast and digital event in Australian history.

Commenting on the announcement, Seven West Media Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer James Warburton, said: "*Sonia is without a doubt a superstar and one of the best television talents in Australia. I speak on behalf of the entire Seven team when I say that Sonia was the one that got away. To say we're thrilled to be welcoming her home as a judge for AGT: The Champions, as host of Mega Mini Golf, and as a member of our team for Tokyo 2020, is an understatement.*"

Sonia previously featured on Seven, as co-host of *Dancing with the Stars* and as Entertainment Reporter for *Sunrise* and *Today Tonight*.

She said: "*I'm beyond excited to be returning to the network where I first discovered my love of live television and family entertainment. With the upcoming Olympics in Tokyo and a slate of brand new prime time shows Seven is the place to be. I feel privileged to be joining James and the team for what's going to be an exhilarating ride.*"

Australia's Got Talent: The Champions, *Mega Mini Golf*, and the *Olympic Games Tokyo 2020*, all featuring Sonia Kruger, will air on the Seven Network in 2020.

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About Seven

Seven West Media (ASX: SWM) is one of Australia's most prominent media companies, with a market leading presence in content production across broadcast television, publishing and digital.

The company comprises of some of Australia's most renowned media businesses, including the Seven Network and its affiliate channels 7TWO, 7mate, 7flix and BVOD offering 7plus, as well as, The West Australian and The Sunday Times and production powerhouse Seven Studios. Home to iconic brands such as My Kitchen Rules, House Rules, Home and Away, Better Homes and Gardens, Australia's leading news and breakfast programs 7NEWS and Sunrise, Seven West Media is also the broadcast partner of the AFL, Cricket Australia and the Olympics.

About AGT: The Champions

The battle to be crowned ultimate champion is here as the best of Aussie talent take on the world in an incredible, showstopping showdown. Australia's Got Talent: The Champions will bring together the most talented, memorable, wackiest and all-round fan favourite acts from past seasons of AGT and some of the most popular acts from the Got Talent franchises around the world on the one stage. This super-charged celebration of creativity and talent will deliver the most spectacular competition ever seen in Australia.

Australia's Got Talent: The Champions is a Fremantle production for Channel Seven.

About Mega Mini Golf

Based on the hole-in-one hit format on America's ABC Network, Mega Mini Golf is an extreme miniature golf competition set on a larger-than-life obstacle golf course. Aussie mini-golf lovers of all ages and backgrounds will have the chance to tee off on the most epic course ever devised in this country, competing head-to-head on supersized holes. They'll face out-of-this-world challenges as their putting and physical skills are put to the test while they attempt to complete the course and reach the daunting final hole.

Mega Mini Golf is a Eureka Production for Channel Seven based on a Eureka/Disney/Unanimous format.

About Tokyo 2020

Starting on the 24th of July, Tokyo 2020 will redefine how Australians watch sport. The 30 days of the Olympic and Paralympic Games are forecast to reach over 21 million Australians, even more than Sydney 2000.

Seven's broadcast coverage on Seven and 7TWO – led by the one and only Bruce McAvaney – will be simulcast in HD on 7plus. On top of this, six bonus curated 24/7 channels and 35 live streams on 7plus will allow Australians to experience the Olympics like never before. 7plus will also offer captioning in multiple languages – an Australian first. For the first time ever, all of the Olympics and Paralympics will be free, an offering never seen before in Australia.