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7NEWS Brisbane reveals new team Max Futcher and Sarah Greenhalgh to co-anchor flagship 6.00pm bulletin

Queensland's #1 news service today announced award-winning journalist Sarah Greenhalgh will join Max Futcher as co-anchor of **7NEWS** Brisbane's flagship 6.00pm weekday bulletin from Monday, 21 October.

Born and bred in the River City, the accomplished broadcaster makes her triumphant return home after five years travelling the world as a foreign correspondent and investigative reporter for the Seven Network.

Most recently a reporter on Seven's flagship public affairs program **7NEWS Spotlight**, Greenhalgh has received accolades at the Walkley Awards for Excellence in Journalism, the Kennedy Awards and the Queensland Clarion Awards, and was nominated for a **TV WEEK Logie Award** for her coverage of the Turkey-Syria earthquakes in 2023.

Greenhalgh's impressive career has so far taken her to more than 20 countries, and after a decade with Seven, she is excited to be heading back to the iconic Mount Coot-tha studios to embark on a new chapter.

"Max has been an incredibly supportive colleague and mate of mine for the past 11 years now, so to be sharing the news desk with him while also returning home to my original **7NEWS** family is a huge thrill," Greenhalgh said.

"Sharing people's stories remains my greatest passion, so in addition to delivering the news to Queenslanders each night, I look forward to continuing investigations with the **7NEWS Spotlight** team as well."

Max Futcher said: "I've known Sarah for many years now and have so much respect for her and what she has achieved throughout her career. I can't wait for our viewers to get to know Sarah too, as we share the news that matters to them each weeknight."

Seven Network Director of News and Current Affairs and Seven West Media Editor-in-Chief, Anthony De Ceglie, said: "Sarah is an extremely accomplished journalist who has had a remarkable career rise that all started as a reporter in regional Queensland."

“We’re incredibly excited for this next chapter in her career, where she won’t just be the co-anchor for our must-watch 6.00pm bulletin alongside Max but will also be leader across the newsroom championing journalism and investigations.”

Greenhalgh started her media career flying high above the skies of Brisbane as a traffic helicopter reporter, followed by stints in regional newsrooms in Mackay and Cairns before returning to Brisbane in 2013, where she covered everything from natural disasters to crime.

In 2019, she became Seven’s London-based Europe Correspondent during a pivotal period of world events which saw her recognised for her extraordinary reporting from the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic; during several postings to the war in Ukraine; the death and funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II; and her passionate coverage of the Turkey-Syria earthquakes in 2023.

Viewers will still see Greenhalgh on **7NEWS Spotlight**, as she continues to file reports for the agenda-setting investigative journalism program.

Greenhalgh joins seasoned broadcaster Futchter who has more than 30 years’ experience in media and has also travelled around the world to report on global news events.

Futchter’s career has taken him to four Olympic Games and seen him report on everything from Nelson Mandela’s death and funeral to earthquakes in Italy and floods across Queensland.

He won a UN Media Peace Award in 2006 for his reporting on violent upheaval in East Timor and a Clarion Award for his coverage of the Bali 9 executions in 2015.

As part of the reinvigoration of the Brisbane newsroom, seasoned and much-loved local journalist and presenter Katrina Blowers has also been promoted to Queensland Chief Reporter. In this high-profile new State and national role, Blowers will take on the most important stories and investigations impacting our audiences in Queensland and right across the nation.

Mr De Ceglie said the role was recognition that Blowers sits among the most elite journalists in the country.

“Katrina is one of the fiercest and most respected news reporters in the country and in this new role she will take the lead on uncovering and delivering north-east Australia’s biggest stories to our national audiences,” he said.

Blowers will continue to share 4.00pm weekday presenting duties with Samantha Heathwood, who also remains anchor of the 6.00pm weekend bulletin for **7NEWS**.

Fletcher and Greenhalgh will present their first bulletin together on Monday, 21 October, alongside **7NEWS** sports presenter Shane Webcke and meteorologist Tony Auden.

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