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## **Seven's AFL revolution: The ultimate team is here McAvaney, Wilson, Cornes, Riewoldt, Hutchison, Pendlebury, Maddern, Wingard and McGuire join Seven's AFL coverage**

Football's #1 commentary team is primed to bring fans an unrivalled 2025 AFL season live and free on Seven and, for the first time, streamed on [7plus Sport](#). With a stellar team of experts, headlined by a group of new recruits, there's no other place footy fans will want to be than Seven and 7plus Sport, Your Home of Footy.

As the network unveils its exciting new football programming slate as part of its supercharged AFL digital rights, Seven will welcome a cavalcade of Australian football media's biggest names to its seven-day-a-week AFL line up in 2025, including Australian football's most acclaimed journalist, Caroline Wilson.

Returning home to Seven after 20 years, Wilson joins Seven as a panelist for the network's new, hard-hitting football panel show, **The Agenda Setters**, set to air in prime time on Monday and Tuesday nights, live and free on Seven and 7plus Sport.

Joining Wilson on **The Agenda Setters** will be fellow new recruits Craig Hutchison, Kane Cornes and Nick Riewoldt, alongside existing 7AFL experts Dale Thomas and Luke Hodge.

Following his return to Seven's AFL coverage for the 2024 Finals Series, legendary sports broadcaster Bruce McAvaney will also make his return as host of Seven's AFL coverage across Sunday nights and marquee matches.

With a focus on integrating current-day players into match coverage, Seven also welcomes 403-game player and six-time All Australian, Scott Pendlebury, to its Friday Night Football coverage for select rounds throughout the season.

In a newly created out of play expert role, the man affectionately known as "Pendles" will provide unrivalled expertise alongside Seven's experienced Friday Night Footy team.

In a bonus for fans, GWS Giants Captain, Toby Greene will also step behind the Seven microphone on Friday, 7 March for the Opening Round clash between the Sydney Swans

and Hawthorn at the MCG, before much-loved Carlton skipper, Sam Docherty joins the team for the Western Bulldogs v Collingwood clash in Round Two.

Also joining Seven's talent-stacked AFL line up in 2025 is **7NEWS** Melbourne's Chief Sport Presenter, Rebecca Maddern, who will co-host Seven's coverage every Thursday night. Maddern will also present the 4.00pm and 6.00pm **7NEWS** Melbourne sport bulletin live from stadia across the country.

Following his retirement from the game, former Port Adelaide and Hawthorn forward, Chad Wingard, also joins Seven as an expert commentator for select games during the 2025 season, while Seven sport host and presenter Jason Richardson turns his focus to AFL as he hosts the **Sunday Footy Feast**, alongside Campbell Brown and Kate McCarthy every week in the lead up to Sunday Afternoon Football.

To bring viewers the biggest breaking news as it happens during match coverage, **7NEWS** Chief Football Reporter Mitch Cleary will be on deck alongside football's #1 commentary team every Thursday night, while new recruit **7NEWS** Melbourne Sport Reporter, Xander McGuire, joins the Friday Night Footy team. **7NEWS** Melbourne sport reporters Theo Doropoulos and Kate Massey will also be part of the action.

Seven also welcomes back football's most star-studded line-up for 2025, including the game's best group of callers: Brian Taylor, James Brayshaw, Hamish McLachlan, Alister Nicholson and Jason Bennett.

Expert commentators Luke Hodge, Abbey Holmes, Matthew Richardson, Erin Phillips, Jobe Watson, Dale Thomas, Joel Selwood and Cameron Ling are also back, while Jude Bolton, Ryan Daniels and Campbell Brown round out the Seven commentary team.

The collection of new AFL shows including **The Agenda Setters**, **Unfiltered**, **Extra Time**, **Sunday Footy Feast**, **The Wash Up**, **Kane's Call** and **Full Sweat** – a documentary behind the scenes of the Hawthorn Football Club – will be launched to complement long-standing favourite **The Front Bar**, to keep footy fans entertained every day of the week, live and free on Seven and 7plus Sport.

Seven Network Director of Sport, Chris Jones, said Seven is heading into an exciting new era of coverage with an unprecedented number of shows, an unrivalled team of elite experts and live and free streaming of matches on Seven and 7plus Sport.

“This AFL season brings the greatest gathering of football experts and personalities ever seen, offering an unrivalled broadcast to footy fans on Seven and for the first time, 7plus Sport,” he said.

“We’re thrilled to welcome AFL greats Scott Pendlebury, Nick Riewoldt, Chad Wingard, and Kane Cornes, while the legendary Bruce McAvaney, Craig Hutchison and Caroline Wilson bring next level experience to complement our already elite group of commentators, hosts and experts.

“In a defining moment in Australian sports broadcasting, Australians will be able to stream all of Seven’s AFL matches, live and free from anywhere in Australia on 7plus Sport,” Mr Jones said.

Seven Network Head of AFL and Sport Integration, Gary O’Keeffe, said: “With expanded digital rights comes greater opportunity for more content, talent and footy analysis, and we cannot wait to get started in two weeks.

“Footy fans will be offered unrivalled entertainment and analysis seven days a week with more than 300 hours of extra football content beyond match coverage. It’s a major investment and we know fans will love Seven’s new era of football,” said Mr O’Keeffe.

For the first time in AFL history, Australians can stream every round of the footy live and free on 7plus Sport, offering unprecedented access to game day action and new programs all season long.

Seven’s AFL match coverage in 2025 includes matches on 23 Thursday nights, 24 Friday nights, State Footy Saturdays, 25 Sunday afternoons, five Sunday nights, plus marquee games and every game in the Finals Series including – exclusive to Seven and 7plus Sport – the **Brownlow Medal** and the **AFL Grand Final**. Plus, fans in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia can watch every game involving teams from their home states.

#### **Seven’s AFL coverage in 2025 will feature:**

- **The Agenda Setters – 7.00pm (local) Monday nights on 7mate and 7plus**  
Host: Craig Hutchison  
Panellists: Kane Cornes, Caroline Wilson and Nick Riewoldt

**The Agenda Setters** will be footy's home of hard-hitting opinions, breaking news, and respected analysis in season 2025. Every Monday and Tuesday night, **The Agenda Setters** will be appointment viewing as Seven's team of trusted and respected footy voices tackle the biggest topics and take viewers behind the headlines.

- **The Agenda Setters – 7.00pm (local) Tuesday nights on 7mate and 7plus**  
Host: Kane Cornes  
Panellists: Caroline Wilson, Dale Thomas and Luke Hodge
- **The Front Bar – 8.30pm (local) Wednesday nights on Seven and 7plus**  
Hosts: Mick Molloy, Sam Pang and Andy Maher  
Happy hour continues in 2025, when everyone's favourite sports show, **The Front Bar**, turns its focus to footy from Wednesday, 5 March at 8.30pm on Channel 7 and 7plus. Doing what they do best, the **Front Bar** team will share a laugh each week of the AFL season and catch up with stars of yesteryear and today.
- **Unfiltered – 9.30pm (local) Wednesday nights on Seven and 7plus**  
Host: Hamish McLachlan  
Every Wednesday night after **The Front Bar**, Australia's best sports interviewer Hamish McLachlan will sit down with key football stars and personalities to reveal their stories, giving viewers raw and unique insight behind the person.
- **Thursday Night Footy – 7.00pm AEDT live on Seven and 7plus**  
Host: Rebecca Maddern and Hamish McLachlan  
Callers: Brian Taylor and Hamish McLachlan  
Experts: Kane Cornes, Nick Riewoldt and Luke Hodge  
**7NEWS**: Mitch Cleary
- **Extra Time – Post-match live on Seven, 7mate and 7plus**  
A new look post-match show that presents fans with a fresh post-match analysis and viewpoints led by AFL luminaries and out-of-play experts including Nick Riewoldt, every Thursday night.
- **Roaming Brian – Post-match live on Seven, 7mate and 7plus**  
Watch as Seven's Brian Taylor hits the changerooms with the toughest questions after each side's Thursday Night Footy win. Viewers can also tune into old **Roaming Brian** segments on-demand on 7plus.

- **Friday Night Footy – 7.00pm AEDT live on Seven, 7mate and 7plus**  
Host: Abbey Holmes and James Brayshaw  
Callers: James Brayshaw and Alister Nicholson  
Experts: Matthew Richardson, Dale Thomas, with special guest appearances from key AFL players including regular face, Scott Pendlebury  
**7NEWS:** Xander McGuire
- **State League Saturdays:** The best matches from the VFL, SANFL and WAFL every week on Seven and 7plus
- **Sunday Footy Feast – 12.00pm AEDT live on Seven, 7mate and 7plus**  
Host: Jason Richardson  
Panellists: Campbell Brown and Kate McCarthy  
Catch up on the key stories from the round so far, plus hear from players around the country with the inside word on the game.
- **Sunday Afternoon Footy – 2.30pm AEDT live on Seven, 7mate and 7plus**  
Host: Abbey Holmes  
Callers: A rotation between Seven’s group of callers  
Experts: Nick Riewoldt, Joel Selwood and Erin Phillips, plus a mix of guest commentators
- **The Wash Up – 6.00pm AEDT live on 7mate and 7plus**  
Featuring Jason Richardson, Abbey Holmes, Campbell Brown and Kate McCarthy, this 6.00pm Sunday night wraps up of all the weekend action.
- **Kane’s Call – 7.00pm AEDT live on 7plus**  
Lending his sharp insights and sturdy opinions, Kane Cornes – the 300 Port Adelaide gamer and premiership player – will spice things up giving viewers the earliest possible take following the close of each round, exclusively streamed on 7plus Sport.
- **Sunday Night Footy and marquee matches:**  
Host: Bruce McAvaney

- **Full Sweat:** A 90-minute documentary produced by Seven, showcasing exclusive pre-season action at Hawthorn Football Club, to air following **The Front Bar** on Wednesday, 5 March.

## 7AFL Hub on 7plus

For the first time in history, Australians can stream every round of the footy, live and free on 7plus Sport, on any device, anywhere.

The 7plus AFL Hub will also showcase further live and on demand footy content, including:

- **Highlights:** Catch all major moments missed in a previous game with highlights on 7plus Sport.
- **Kane's Call:** Every Sunday night, Kane Cornes will lend his sharp insights and sturdy opinions to give viewers the earliest possible take following the close of each round, exclusively streamed on 7plus Sport.
- **Roaming Brian:** Watch as Seven's Brian Taylor hits the changerooms with the toughest questions after each side's Thursday Night Footy win. Viewers can also tune into old **Roaming Brian** segments on-demand on 7plus.
- **The Front Bar:** Viewers can tune in live and on-demand on 7plus when the **Front Bar** team share a laugh each week of the 2025 season.
- **The Agenda Setters:** Viewers can stream Seven's new AFL panel show live and on-demand on 7plus Sport
- **Unfiltered:** Stream live and on-demand as Hamish McLachlan sits down with the AFL industry's most fascinating personalities, every Wednesday night on 7plus.
- **Extra Time:** Stream Seven's new look post-match show that presents fans with a fresh post-match analysis and viewpoints led by AFL luminaries and out-of-play experts including Nick Riewoldt, every Thursday night on 7plus.
- **Sunday Footy Feast:** Jason Richardson, Campbell Brown and Kate McCarthy will play host to a rotating group of the game's biggest names on the Sunday Footy Feast, streamed live and on-demand on 7plus.
- **The Wash Up:** Featuring Jason Richardson, Abbey Holmes, Campbell Brown and Kate McCarthy, this 6.00pm Sunday night wraps up of all the weekend action and viewers can stream live and on-demand on 7plus.
- **Add your club to a watch list:** Add your club to your watchlist and follow for exclusive behind-the-scenes content and all the news and views from season 2024.

- **7AFL Channel:** The best content from our coverage each week is served in a 24/7 FAST Channel.
- **State Leagues:** The best matches from the VFL, SANFL and WAFL are available nationally every week on 7plus.
- **Retro Row:** Footy fans can head to Retro Row on 7plus to re-live all the golden historic AFL moments from yesteryear.
- **AFL Kids:** Coming in 2025 for select matches, Seven knows how much kids love their footy, and this season families can tune into alternate commentary for kids, by kids on 7plus.

## **7NEWS.com.au AFL Match Centre**

Ahead of the 2025 season, [7NEWS.com.au](https://www.7news.com.au) has created a central source of AFL news, the [7AFL match centre](#).

With fixtures, live scores, player stats, breaking news and exclusive 7AFL stories, 7NEWS.com.au has all footy fans covered for the 2025 AFL Premiership Season.

## **Seven's 2025 AFL commentary team**

### **Jason Bennett – Commentator**

The award-winning sports broadcaster was an AFL commentator from 2002 to 2006 before embarking on an international posting with ESPN and its popular program *Aussies Abroad*. Jason Bennett has been calling footy on Seven since 2015, covering a mix of AFL, AFLW and VFL, and will be a key part of Seven's AFL coverage in 2025.

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### **James Brayshaw – Commentator**

Following a distinguished first-class cricket career that saw him average 42.53 runs across 75 matches as a top-order batsman, James has become one of the most respected hosts and commentators in Australian sport. He will again bring his upbeat style to Seven's AFL commentary team in 2025, calling on Friday Night Footy alongside Alister Nicholson, as well as marquee games throughout the season and the Finals Series.

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### **Jude Bolton – Field Commentator**

The dual Swans premiership hero takes on a field commentary role again on Seven's AFL team, primarily at games in Sydney. Known for his undying determination and fearless

attack on the ball over a decorated 325-game career, Jude Bolton still shares the AFL record for the most tackles ever in a single game (19) and is a member of the Sydney Swans Hall of Fame.

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### **Campbell Brown – Field Commentator**

An All-Australian in 2007 and Hawthorn premiership player in 2008, Campbell Brown was a ferocious competitor who attacked the contest fearlessly. His love of the game and engaging personality shines through in his field commentary on Seven’s football coverage. In 2025, “Brownny” will feature on the **Sunday Footy Feast** and **The Wash Up**, following the close of play on Sunday evenings, as well as key matches.

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### **Mitch Cleary – 7NEWS Melbourne Chief Football Reporter**

7NEWS Melbourne’s Chief Football Reporter, Mitch Cleary will again feature in Seven’s AFL broadcast throughout the 2025 season, reporting on the game’s biggest stories as they break in Seven’s Thursday Night Footy match coverage.

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### **Kane Cornes – The Agenda Setters Host and Expert Commentator**

One of the AFL’s elite midfielders, Port Adelaide Premiership winning player Kane Cornes finished his illustrious career with 300 games, four best and fairest awards and two All-Australian player awards. Since he retired in 2015, the Port Adelaide Hall of Famer has crafted an excellent reputation for delivering expert opinion analysis, sharp insights and passion for the game, making him the perfect addition to Seven’s AFL coverage as co-host and panellist of **The Agenda Setters**, while offering expert commentary across Thursday Night Footy, and sharing his unique opinion at the end of each round via **Kane’s Call**, exclusively streamed on 7plus Sport.

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### **Ryan Daniels – Field Commentator**

With a vast AFL knowledge, 7NEWS Perth sports reporter and newsreader will continue his role with Seven’s AFL coverage in 2025, covering games from his hometown. Recently taking out the Australian Football Media Award for Best News Reporting by an Individual, Ryan is a highly respected member of the football media in Western Australia.

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## **Theo Doropoulos – 7NEWS Melbourne Sport Reporter**

The former cricketer who played for South Australia, Western Australia and Wellington joined **7NEWS** as a passionate sport reporter and presenter more than a decade ago, starting in Adelaide and later transferring to Melbourne. Theo has hosted the BBL and will feature across Seven’s AFL coverage this season bringing fans the latest news.

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## **Luke Hodge – Expert Commentator and The Agenda Setters Panellist**

The long-time Hawthorn skipper established himself as one of the great modern leaders in Australian sport over a highly decorated career that included 346 games (305 at the Hawks and 41 at Brisbane), four premierships, three All-Australian selections and two Norm Smith Medals. After hanging up his boots at the end of 2019, Luke joined Seven’s AFL commentary team in 2020, quickly showcasing his rare understanding of the modern game as an expert commentator. As well as sitting in the expert chair on Thursday Night Footy, “Hodgey” will also join the Tuesday night edition of **The Agenda Setters**.

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## **Craig Hutchison – The Agenda Setters Host**

Award-winning sports journalist, broadcaster and media businessman, Craig “Hutchy” Hutchison returns to Seven after an 18-year hiatus to host **The Agenda Setters** every Monday night, alongside an esteemed panel including Caroline Wilson, Kane Cornes and Nick Riewoldt. The founder of Sports Entertainment Media (SEN) and Crocmedia has long been regarded as one of the AFL’s greatest news-breakers, making him and his number of sports media outlets key players in AFL.

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## **Cameron Ling – Expert Commentator**

Cameron Ling was one of the AFL’s elite taggers over a decorated 12-season career with Geelong that included the 2007, 2009 and 2011 flags – the latter as skipper – the Cats’ 2004 best and fairest award and All-Australian selection in 2007. Since 2012, “Lingy” has been an integral member of Seven’s AFL coverage, delivering sharp insights as an expert commentator and boundary rider.

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## **Rebecca Maddern – Host**

As **7NEWS** Melbourne’s Chief Sports Presenter, Rebecca Maddern leads the agenda-setting Melbourne sport department and hosts the nightly sport news alongside Peter Mitchell and Jane Bunn at 6.00pm, Mondays to Fridays. Maddern also joins 7SPORT this

season in a pivotal role across Seven's seven-day-a-week AFL coverage. With over two decades' experience in television news and sport, the highly respected journalist and presenter has hosted some of Australia's biggest sporting occasions including the **Brownlow Medal**, the Australian Open and Cricket World Cup.

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### **Kate Massey – 7NEWS Melbourne Sport Reporter**

Having first joined Seven in Perth five years ago, **7NEWS** Melbourne Sport Reporter Kate Massey hosted last season's Saturday Scoop and AFLW coverage. The passionate AFL fan will join Seven's #1 commentary team to report on all the latest AFL news this season.

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### **Bruce McAvaney – Host**

Bruce first joined the Seven AFL commentary team in 1990 and has gone on to call more than 1000 AFL games, 20 AFL Grand Finals and hosted 21 Brownlow Medals, making him one of the most revered AFL broadcasters of all time. In recognition of his outstanding career, Bruce was honoured with the Melbourne Press Club Lifetime Achievement Award last year, inducted into the AFL Hall of Fame in 2023, TV WEEK Logie Awards Hall of Fame in 2022, Sport Australia Hall of Fame in 2002, and was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia that same year. Bruce's passion, and depth and breadth of sporting knowledge is simply peerless. Bruce will host Seven's football coverage across Sunday nights and marquee matches.

### **Kate McCarthy – Sunday Footy Feast Panellist**

A key player in the AFLW's inaugural year with Brisbane, Kate McCarthy enjoyed a successful playing career at the Lions, St Kilda and Hawthorn. Following her retirement from AFLW, she went on to coach at the Western Bulldogs, before joining Seven's team as an AFLW Commentator. In 2025, Kate will feature on the **Sunday Footy Feast** and **The Wash Up** alongside Jason Richardson and Campbell Brown.

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### **Xander McGuire – 7NEWS Melbourne Sport Reporter**

Recently joining the **7NEWS** Melbourne team, Xander McGuire will be on deck for Friday Night Footy on Seven and 7plus Sport in 2025 to deliver all the biggest breaking news headlines impacting the game. A rising star of the media, Xander claimed the prestigious Clinton Grybas Emerging Talent Award at the 2024 Australian Football Media Awards for his AFL and broader sport reporting.

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## **Hamish McLachlan – Host and Commentator**

Hamish McLachlan is one of Seven's most versatile broadcasters, having hosted and commented on a wide range of sports including the AFL, horse racing, Commonwealth Games and Olympic Games, including the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games. An accurate and entertaining play-by-play commentator, Hamish will call Thursday Night Footy matches alongside Brian Taylor, while also interviewing many of the AFL industry's most exciting names every Wednesday night on the new interview program, **Unfiltered**.

## **Alister Nicholson – Commentator**

Alister has become one of Australian sport's most recognisable voices over the past decade as an ABC Grandstand commentator on cricket and AFL football. While he has been a popular member of Seven's Big Bash League commentary team in recent years, his broadcasting experience extends to the NRL, A-League, Commonwealth Games, Olympic Games, Australia's major golf tournaments and the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. He will also call AFL games with Seven in 2025, including Friday Night Footy alongside James Brayshaw.

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## **Scott Pendlebury – Expert Commentator**

Affectionately known as "Pendles", Scott Pendlebury is a dual AFL Premiership Winning Player at Collingwood Football Club and holds the record for the most games played in the black and white guernsey with 403. The 2010 Norm Smith Medallist, six-time All-Australian player and five-time Copeland Trophy winner is the league record holder for disposals, handballs and tackles and became the first VFL/AFL player to reach 10,000 disposals in 2024. Pendles will join Seven as an expert commentator across Friday Night Footy for select rounds.

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## **Erin Phillips – Expert/Field Commentator**

The only AFLW player to win the league best and fairest award twice, Erin Phillips is highly regarded as one of the competition's premier players. A dual premiership player with the Adelaide Crows, she was named best afield in each of her AFLW Grand Final wins in 2017 and 2019. After stepping into the commentary seat for the first time in 2021, Erin will be seen regularly on Seven's coverage as she provides expert commentary on Seven's Sunday Afternoon Footy broadcast as well as other key games across the 2025 season.

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## **Jason Richardson – Sunday Footy Feast Host**

An experienced broadcaster and former elite sprinter, Richardson will join Seven's AFL coverage to host the **Sunday Footy Feast** and **The Wash Up** in 2025. A Stawell Gift winner in 1993, he brings plenty of personality and fun to a broad range of sports on Seven. A key member of Seven's horse racing team as a host and commentator, he has also worked many of Seven's sport broadcasts.

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## **Matthew Richardson – Host and Expert Commentator**

The Richmond great has been a favourite of Seven viewers for more than a decade, featuring prominently as an expert commentator. One of Tasmania's favourite sons, "Richo" amassed 800 goals in an acclaimed playing career and remains the all-time leading goalkicker at the MCG with 464. In 2025, he continues his Friday Night Footy expert commentary role.

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## **Nick Riewoldt – Host and Expert Commentator**

Regarded as one of the game's most lethal forwards, Nick Riewoldt was St Kilda Football Club's longest serving captain, leading the club in 220 of his 336 games, before retiring at the end of the 2017 season. The six-time Trevor Barker and five-time All Australian Player will offer his brilliant football mind, ability to simplify complex plays and unbridled passion to Seven across Sunday Night Footy, Thursday Night's **Extra Time** with post-game analysis, and as a panellist on **The Agenda Setters** every Monday.

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## **Joel Selwood – Expert Commentator**

A 16-year career in the AFL saw Joel Selwood stamp his name as one of the best to have played the game. Widely celebrated for his professionalism, leadership and football brain, Joel has steadily built one of the most impressive resumes in VFL/AFL history and is recognised as a key element in creating a remarkable culture of success at the Geelong Football Club. Joel will provide expert commentary on Seven's Sunday Afternoon Footy broadcast, as well as other key matches in 2025.

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## **Brian Taylor – Commentator**

One of footy's most respected and entertaining callers, Brian will lead Seven's Thursday Night Footy coverage in 2025, along with other blockbuster matches throughout the season and Finals Series. One of his generation's best full forwards, "BT" kicked 527 goals

over 140 games with Richmond and Collingwood, winning the Coleman Medal in 1986 with a season tally of 100 goals.

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### **Dale Thomas – Field Commentator and The Agenda Setters Panellist**

Since announcing his AFL retirement at the end of 2019, after 14 seasons and 258 games, Dale Thomas has become a popular figure across football media and has featured heavily on Seven's AFL coverage. In 2025, Dale will feature as an expert on Friday Night Footy and other key matches, while also joining the Tuesday night edition of **The Agenda Setters**.

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### **Jobe Watson – Expert Commentator**

The former Essendon skipper enjoyed a stellar career as an inside midfielder, winning three club best and fairest awards, the AFLPA's best captain award in 2012 and two All-Australian selections. Jobe Watson joined Seven in 2020 as an expert commentator and quickly became an integral part of the team. He will continue his expert commentary role with Seven during the 2025 season.

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### **Caroline Wilson – The Agenda Setters Panellist**

Walkley Award-winning columnist and former chief football writer for *The Age*, Caroline Wilson, returns home to Seven after 20 years, to join **The Agenda Setters** every Monday and Tuesday night as a panellist alongside AFL's biggest names. Known as one of Australia's most acclaimed and hard-hitting football journalists, Caroline will share expert analysis and opinion on AFL news and current affairs.

### **Chad Wingard – Expert Commentator**

Former Port Adelaide and Hawthorn Football Club forward player Chad Wingard enjoyed a stellar career which carried him to 281 games before retirement due to injury in 2024. The two-time All Australian and John Cahill Medallist was recruited as the AFL Indigenous and Social Policy Officer in 2024 and joins Seven as an expert commentator for the 2025 season.

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