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Kate Ritchie comes home to Seven

Channel 7 today announced award-winning actress Kate Ritchie will return to *Home and Away*.

The AFI nominated, five-time Logie winner (including two Gold), will make a welcome return to *Home and Away* in 2013.

As an eight-year-old, Kate captured the nation's heart playing Sally Fletcher, residing in Summer Bay for 20 years. Now, after a five-year break, Kate is delighted to be returning to the show that made her a household name.

"There will be a wonderful sense of familiarity stepping back into Sally's shoes for a while," she says. "Summer Bay is a very different place these days and I am looking forward to working with all the fresh faces that have continued to take *Home and Away* from strength to strength.

"It will be a good opportunity to catch up with some old mates too! Those cast and crew I worked with for so many years are who I have missed the most."

As the show celebrates 25 years, Kate will return for a special story arc that sees Sally welcomed back to her Summer Bay home.

Kate will commence filming in the coming weeks and the storyline will air over a number of months later this year.

Series Producer Lucy Addario says: "We are thrilled Kate is returning to *Home and Away*. Sally holds such a special place in the heart of the show and we trust fans will be as excited as we are to watch her story unfold and follow Sally's journey again."

Home and Away is Australia's leading weeknight serial drama and is sold to more than 105 countries.

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