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## When Monday comes around ... Talking Footy returns to Seven

AFL chief Andrew Demetriou joins modern greats Wayne Carey and Luke Darcy on the panel for the return of Seven's iconic AFL chat show, *Talking Footy*, to be hosted by Bruce McAvaney.

Seven today announced the pioneering AFL football chat show, *Talking Footy*, is returning to television on Monday nights throughout the 2013 finals series.

**TALKING FOOTY** will be hosted by Bruce McAvaney with an expert panel comprising dual premiership captain **Wayne Carey**, former Bulldogs' great **Luke Darcy** and - for the first time in a regular TV role - AFL CEO **Andrew Demetriou**,

Essendon legend **Tim Watson** and Cats premiership skipper **Cameron Ling** from Seven's AFL commentary team will also appear on the panel some weeks.

Seven Melbourne Managing Director Lewis Martin said: "Seven pioneered this original fan favourite and with the finals looming we know there's a hunger for high quality and insightful news, views and analysis from the biggest names in the game, including the AFL CEO at a time when the game faces the most challenging issues in its history."

AFL CEO Andrew Demetriou commented: "Channel 7, as our free to air broadcaster, serves our game with wonderful broadcasts and commentary for four games per weekend and we are extremely pleased they have expanded their off-field commitment to the promotion and discussion around our game with the return of Talking Footy for the 2013 Toyota AFL Finals Series."

Talking Footy first aired back in 1994, and with its in-depth analysis of football on and off the field it set the weekly football agenda for a generation of fans as well as establishing a new benchmark in sports programming on TV.

With original host Bruce McAvaney back in the chair, **TALKING FOOTY** will be filmed at Seven's Docklands studios.

## **Broadcast times Monday August 26: (all local times)**

Melbourne Monday 9.40pm on Channel 7
Adelaide Monday 9.40pm on Channel 7
Perth Monday 9.40pm on Channel 7
Sydney Monday 11.30pm on 7mate
Brisbane Monday 11.30pm on 7mate

**Bruce McAvaney** - widely renowned as Australia's pre-eminent sports broadcaster and the original host of Talking Footy, with an infectious passion and energy for AFL.

**Wayne Carey** – 'The King' is widely considered to be one of the greatest players to pull on the boots, a dual premiership captain, AFL Hall of Fame member, seven-time All- Australian and a big-game finals performer.

**Luke Darcy** - respected former Western Bulldogs star and one of the most successful ruck-forwards of the modern era who won the coveted Leigh Matthews Trophy for the AFLPA MVP in 2002.

**Andrew Demetriou** – as CEO of the AFL since 2003 he has guided the game through two record-breaking TV rights deal, expanded the competition to 18 teams and overseen AFLPA collective bargaining agreements.

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