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Australia's #1: Seven in 2023

- The #1 sport line-up
- The #1 news and public affairs
- New channel: 7Bravo, with the best of NBCUniversal
- New local entertainment and sport content
- Returning hit tentpole shows

Australia's most-watched television network today announced an unbeatable content line-up for 2023 across all screens, with the best news, sport, drama, entertainment and special events coming to Seven and 7plus.

As 2022 draws to a close, Seven is the #1 network nationally in total people, 25 to 54s and 16 to 39s across the ratings survey year, and the #1 network in the capital cities in total people.

The powerful line-up for next year includes Australia's #1 news and public affairs programs, the #1 sport schedule, the #1 regular Australian drama series, and new and returning entertainment shows.

On 15 January 2023, Seven will reveal the most exciting new channel launched in Australia in years: 7Bravo, a partnership with global entertainment and media powerhouse, NBCUniversal International Networks & Direct-to-Consumer. 7Bravo will bring the very best of NBCUniversal's extraordinary reality and true crime content to all Australians, live and free.

Key new content across the screens of Seven in 2023 will include Australian Idol, Million Dollar Island, Blow Up, The Claremont Murders, The 1% Club, We Interrupt This Broadcast, the *TV WEEK* Logie Awards, Animals Aboard With Dr Harry, Con Girl and the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023™.

Before 2022 is over, Seven will celebrate the return of Australia's foxy morons when **Kath & Kim** returns to our screens. Kath Day-Knight and hornbag daughter Kim Craig (nee Day) will mark their 20th anniversary across two "yuge" nights, with the real housewives of Fountain Lakes bringing Australia a slice of their lives today.

The new shows for 2023 will join an unmatchable content schedule that already stars Australia's #1 sport: the AFL, **7NEWS**, **Sunrise**, **7NEWS Spotlight**, **Home and Away**, **The Chase Australia**, **The Voice**, **Farmer Wants A Wife**, **RFDS**, **SAS Australia**, **My Kitchen Rules**, **Big Brother**, horse racing, cricket, Supercars and much, much more.

Seven West Media Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, James Warburton, said the stellar content line-up for 2023 would ensure Seven remains Australia's #1 across all screens.

"Our national network reaches all Australians, across the capital cities and regional areas, and we are #1 this year in more weeks nationally and in metro markets than any of our competitors. We have a superior offering in total TV and no one can match the reach of Seven," he said.

"We are very proud and honoured to be Australia's most-watched television network. As our 2023 content clearly shows, we are working very hard to give our viewers and clients what they want.

"Our new partnership with NBCUniversal is a great example of how we strive to give Australians more of what they want. NBCUniversal is one of the leading entertainment and media companies in the world and we can't wait to bring 7Bravo and its amazing content to viewers," Mr Warburton said.

"7Bravo is a game-changer. It's an exciting and important addition to our network and the perfect complement to our existing channels. With 7two, 7mate and 7flix, Seven is already the undisputed leader in multi-channels. The addition of 7Bravo, with its strong appeal to women, will make us even stronger. (For more information on 7Bravo, please see separate media release.)

"In a similar vein, our new, long-term partnership with the AFL from 2025 will take Australia's best and most popular sport to a new level. Seven and 7plus will be the new home of the AFL for fans and advertisers alike. For the first time, all Australians will be able to access the best AFL games and video content – live and free – how, when and where they want it," he said.

"These two partnerships, plus all the great new and returning content we're announcing today, clearly demonstrate our commitment to keeping Australia entertained, informed and engaged."

Seven Chief Content Officer, Entertainment Programming, Angus Ross, said: "Our aim in 2023 is simple: to be #1 for the moments that stop the nation, unite us and inspire us. From the heartland to the beating heart of cities across the country, Seven is – and will remain – Australia's #1 for the moments that matter.

"No other network can match our extraordinary line-up of news, sport, entertainment and special events.

"Our content 'spine' of Sunrise, The Morning Show, The Chase Australia, 7NEWS, Home and Away and Better Homes and Gardens continues to rank #1, while our 7.30pm tentpole shows including The Voice, Farmer Wants A Wife, Big Brother, SAS Australia, My Kitchen Rules and Kitchen Nightmares Australia are drawing strong total TV audience numbers across broadcast and digital," he said.

"Next year we will add more 7.30pm tentpole programs as we find new and engaging ways to connect with audiences, including younger viewers. The highly anticipated return of

Australian Idol leads the charge, along with fresh new formats including Million Dollar Island, Blow Up, We Interrupt This Broadcast and The 1% Club, with more in development.

"The Claremont Murders will be a major television event in 2023 and we know Australians are very excited about the return of RFDS. We're also delighted to be the new home of the *TV WEEK* Logie Awards, along with other special events including the much-loved Carols In The Domain," Mr Ross said.

"Sport is a critically important part of our content schedule and no one has a stronger wall of sport than Seven, including the AFL, AFLW, cricket, horse racing, Supercars, the NFL, the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023™ and much more.

"The addition of 7Bravo and its wonderful content from NBCUniversal gives Seven an unbeatable line-up of channels and even more choice for our viewers and clients," he said.

"Launching on 15 January, 7Bravo will the home of great reality and true crime content. Key new programs on 7Bravo will include **Below Deck Down Under**, **Below Deck Adventure**, **The Real Housewives Ultimate Girls Trip**, **The Real Housewives of Dubai**, **The Real Housewives of Miami**, **Love Without Borders**, **Southern Hospitality** and **Real Girlfriends in Paris**, among others.

"Complementing the schedule, 7Bravo and 7plus be the free-to-air home of NBCUniversal's stellar portfolio of reality content, including the world's most iconic unscripted TV franchises and series from Bravo and E!," Mr Ross said.

"The new channel will also feature **The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon**, **Top Chef**, **The Kelly Clarkson Show** and **Judge Jerry**, as well compelling true crime content from Oxygen True Crime, the destination for quality crime programming in the US, and all the red carpet glamour from the biggest awards shows with **Live From E!**. It will also be the first broadcast home in Australia for reality and true crime content produced for Peacock, NBCUniversal's streaming service.

"Add it all up and Seven has a highly compelling, engaging and entertaining line-up for 2023, a line-up that will capture the hearts and minds of all Australians," he said.

NEW IN 2023

Australian Idol

After a long absence and some COVID-related delays, the original international star-making phenomenon is back, coming to Channel 7 and 7plus in 2023. The all-new **Australian Idol** will travel the country searching for wannabe stars, with massive live episodes and results shows as the competition heats up.

Helping unearth the next idol to take Australia by storm will be celebrated *American Idol* judge and multiple GRAMMY award-winner Harry Connick Jr; powerhouse GRAMMY award-winning singer-songwriter Meghan Trainor; unfiltered and unapologetic top-rating

broadcaster Kyle Sandilands; and beloved eight-time ARIA Award-winning singer-songwriter Amy Shark – plus original **Australian Idol** judge Marcia Hines in a special guest role. The unmissable new series will be hosted by Ricki-Lee and Scott Tweedie, and produced by Eureka Productions for the Seven Network.

Blow Up

Fresh for Channel 7 and 7plus in 2023, **Blow Up** is a spectacular, one-of-a-kind competition that is sure to leave the nation holding its breath. Hosted by acclaimed actor Stephen Curry and comedian Becky Lucas, alongside resident balloon expert Chris Adamo and a host of celebrity guest judges, **Blow Up** will see the nation's greatest balloon artists, decorators and twisters go head-to-head across a variety of challenges to turn ordinary balloons into extraordinary works of art.

Blow Up has the wow factor, heart and humour to captivate families across the nation as they discover the astounding world of balloon artistry. This compelling series will take viewers into a brilliant new world bursting with joy, fun and supersized balloon sculptures that must be seen to be believed. From fire breathing dragons, prehistoric dinosaurs, couture fashion, circus acts and even full-size race cars, their creations will completely change the perception of the humble balloon. **Blow Up** is produced by Endemol Shine Australia (a Banijay company) for the Seven Network.

Million Dollar Island

Hosted by Ant Middleton, the Australian version of the world's most exciting new format, **Million Dollar Island**, is coming to Channel 7 and 7plus next year. A revolutionary social experiment, **Million Dollar Island** is a ground-breaking concept in which 100 ordinary people try to stay on a remote island, vying for a chance to win \$1 million. It was codeveloped by John de Mol, the creative genius behind **Big Brother** and **The Voice**.

But braving harsh conditions with limited means is not the only challenge on an island full of mystery, surprise, hardships and rewards. Each contestant starts the adventure with a wristband worth \$10,000. While they are on the island, contestants can gain and lose wristbands by competing in various games. In the end, a nail-biting final game determines who walks away with a life-changing prize. **Million Dollar Island** is a format created by Talpa Concepts together with Monday Media and distributed by Talpa Distribution. The series is produced by Eureka Productions for the Seven Network.

The Claremont Murders

The disappearance of three young women in Perth in the late 1990s launched a 25-year investigation by the police and one tenacious journalist, all determined to seek justice. From the creatives behind Seven's compelling drama *Catching Milat*, this remarkable miniseries stars Ryan Johnson (*How To Please A Woman, Doctor Doctor*), Catherine Văn-Davies (*The Twelve, Barons*), Aaron Glenane (*Shantaram, Snowpiercer*), Laura Gordon (*Undertow, Late Night With The Devil*), Andrea Demetriades (*Pulse, Janet King*), Craig Hall (*Boy* directed by Taika Waititi, and Peter Jackson's *King Kong*), Jeremy Lindsay Taylor (*Underbelly Razor, Puberty Blues*), Tasma Walton (*Mystery Road, How To Please A Woman*), Joel Jackson (*Peter Allen: Not the Boy Next Door, Ms Fisher's Modern Murder Mysteries*), Tom O'Sullivan (*Molly, Alien: Covenant*), Dalip Sondhi (*Pulse, Frayed*),

Erik Thomson (*How To Please A Woman, Aftertaste*), and actor, radio host and author Kate Ritchie (*Underbelly: A Tale of Two Cities, Home and Away*).

The Claremont Murders is produced by Screentime (a Banijay company) for the Seven Network, with major production investment from Screen Australia in association with Seven and See Pictures, with finance from Screenwest and Screen NSW.

The 1% Club

A game show like no other, **The 1% Club** is already a runaway hit in the UK and an all-new Australian version will arrive on Channel 7 and 7plus in 2023. People of all ages and backgrounds can be part of **The 1% Club** because, unlike most quizzes, they don't need to brush up on general knowledge to do well. All they need is logic and common sense.

One hundred contestants begin every show, but to make it to the end and win the top prize, contestants must correctly answer a question only 1% of the country would get right. The show starts by asking a question that 90% of the country got right (based on a sample of answers given by people across Australia) and then goes on to ask questions that smaller and smaller percentages answered correctly. Hosted by acclaimed Australian comedian, actor and writer, Jim Jefferies, star of the FX sitcom *Legit* and Comedy Central's *The Jim Jefferies Show*, **The 1% Club** is produced by BBC Studios Australia and New Zealand for the Seven Network.

We Interrupt This Broadcast

Get ready, Australia. **We Interrupt This Broadcast** is a long-overdue comedy series that makes fun of Australia's favourite (and least favourite) shows. As the world grows ever more self-serious, **We Interrupt This Broadcast** promises to reboot and revitalise a long-standing and near forgotten Australian tradition: taking the piss out of everything, including ourselves! With our televisions, computers and phones creating the white noise we now call content, there's no shortage of stuff for this irreverent, accessible and occasionally absurd series to lampoon.

Showcasing some of Australia's most versatile comedy talents, including Christie Whelan Browne, Bridie Connell, Michelle Brasier, Adele Vuko, Duncan Fellows, Greg Larsen, Ben Russell and Bjorn Stewart, **We Interrupt This Broadcast** is produced by HELIUM for the Seven Network.

Con Girl

In 2011, Russian gymnast Emily Sciberras tells her new best friend that her entire family has been killed in a murder-suicide, including her 15-year-old twin sister. In 2013, a distressed teenage girl with no name is found on the streets of Dublin after escaping a human trafficking ring. She is so traumatised she is unable to speak. In 2014, Aurora Hepburn, 14, appears at a clinic in Canada after escaping a terrifying kidnapper.

What do these women and their chilling stories have in common? They are all fake identities, convincingly created by one Australian woman – Samantha Azzopardi – a serial con-artist who has amassed more than 75 aliases and repeatedly deceived her victims and authorities around the globe. In this gripping limited documentary series, crossing three continents and

built around the world exclusive eyewitness accounts of her victims, viewers are taken on an intriguing quest to find out who is the real Samantha Azzopardi? **Con Girl** is produced by CJZ Productions for the Seven Network.

Animals Aboard With Dr Harry

Hosted by Dr Harry Cooper, this warm-hearted, feel-good factual entertainment series explores fascinating stories of animals in transit around the globe. Just like humans, they travel for work, play, medical reasons, or family reunions, and each has an incredible tale to tell.

Unique access to one of the world's largest animal travel agencies allows us to follow the excitement, from quarantine centres to the belly of cargo planes, in a unique and entertaining way, ensuring that viewers are right there with our travellers on their personalised journey. **Animals Aboard With Dr Harry** is produced by Beyond Entertainment for the Seven Network.

New From Overseas

New from NBCUniversal's Universal Television is **Quantum Leap**, the sequel of the legendary series starring Raymond Lee, Ernie Hudson, Caitlin Bassett, Mason Alexander Park and Nanrisa Lee; and **Lopez vs. Lopez**, a working-class family comedy about dysfunction, reconnection and all the pain and joy in between, starring George Lopez and Mayan Lopez.

From ITV comes **Litvinenko**, the story of the determined Scotland Yard Officers who worked to prove who was responsible for the death of Alexander Litvinenko, in one of the most complex and dangerous investigations in the history of the Metropolitan Police; and the remarkable natural history series **A Year On Planet Earth**, from the multi award-winning blue-chip natural history team of Tom Hugh-Jones (*Tiny World, Planet Earth II*) and Dr Martha Holmes (*Blue Planet, Hostile Planet*), narrated by Stephen Fry.

Three new series from Sony will be on Seven next year: **Accused**, which chronicles ordinary people getting caught up in extraordinary situations, where one wrong turn leads to another until it is too late to turn back; **Alert**, a gripping drama set in the Los Angeles Police Department's missing person's unit; and **Without Sin**, the story of a grieving mother who confronts the man imprisoned for murdering her only daughter.

From Endemol Shine UK (a Banijay company) comes **Starstruck**, a reimagined and refreshed version of the classic British series *Stars In Their Eyes*, hosted by pop star Olly Murs.

THE HITS KEEP COMING

The Voice

Australia's #1 entertainment show returns to Channel 7 and 7plus in 2023 with host Sonia Kruger and our superstar judges. The 2022 series delivered a national total TV audience of 1.4 million, won its timeslot, pulled at least one million viewers per episode, and was Seven's

biggest show on broadcast and 7plus. **The Voice** is produced by ITV Studios Australia for the Seven Network.

Farmer Wants A Wife

Australia's most-loved dating show will be back in 2023, with Natalie Gruzlewski and Samantha Armytage helping a new batch of farmers looking for love in all the right places. And the babies of Farmers past make a special appearance. With a national total TV audience this year of 1.05 million, the nation's favourite bush fairy tale is a popular and enduring success. **Farmer Wants A Wife** is a Fremantle Australia and Eureka Productions co-production for the Seven Network.

Home and Away

Next year promises to be another unmissable year in Summer Bay, with the lives and loves of Australia's most iconic beachside community thrown into turmoil in the wake of a tragedy that will send shockwaves throughout the Bay. The high-octane season return will see new arrivals and surprise faces from the past set to shake things up. About one million Australians watch every episode of this iconic television series on broadcast and digital, a testament to its enduring appeal. Don't miss a second of the sizzling hot drama when **Home and Away** returns to Channel 7 and 7plus in 2023. **Home and Away** is a Seven Production.

RFDS

The #1 new Australian drama of 2021 with a national total TV audience of 1.09 million, **RFDS** will take flight for a second season next year, starring Emma Hamilton, Stephen Peacocke, Rob Collins, Justine Clarke, Ash Ricardo, Jack Scott, Sofia Nolan, Rodney Afif, Ash Hodgkinson and Thomas Weatherall. Based on remarkable real-life stories and filmed on location in and around Broken Hill, **RFDS** tells the stories of doctors, nurses, pilots and support staff in the Royal Flying Doctor Service as they navigate emergency retrievals across some of the most inhospitable places in the country. **RFDS** is produced by Endemol Shine Australia (a Banijay company) for the Seven Network, with Banijay Rights managing international distribution.

My Kitchen Rules

A return to the original recipe of everyday Australians cooking in their homes was a hit this year, with **My Kitchen Rules** scoring a national total TV audience of 922,000. The country's most-loved cooking show will return in 2023, with more great food, engaging home cooks and great family fun. The superstar judges for the new series will be announced soon. **My Kitchen Rules** is produced by ITV Studios Australia for the Seven Network.

SAS Australia

SAS Australia will be back and more extreme than ever on Channel 7 and 7plus in 2023, with Chief Instructor Ant Middleton and his team of DS ready and keen to put a new batch of star recruits through the most gruelling and extreme SAS selection course ever seen, this time in a hard-core international desert location that will have the recruits sweating bullets. From sinners to heroes, those that have fallen from grace, or need redemption, the celebrity

line-up for 2023 will be tested physically, emotionally and mentally like never before. **SAS Australia** is produced by Screentime (a Banijay company), based on a Minnow Films Format, for the Seven Network.

Big Brother: House of Love

Everyone loves love and Big Brother is no exception. Next year he is putting a new spin on his pioneering reality television show with **Big Brother: House of Love**. Addictive, funfilled and quite wicked, the new series on Channel 7 and 7plus will feature a house full of singles with Big Brother playing the mischievous cupid. Going back to basics, **Big Brother: House of Love** promises more character, more laughs and more fun. What will happen when a houseful of singles form romantic connections but then need to vote each other out? Hosted by Sonia Kruger, **Big Brother: House of Love** is produced by Endemol Shine Australia (a Banijay company) for the Seven Network.

Kitchen Nightmares Australia

Outspoken, award-winning chef Colin Fassnidge will be back in 2023, lifting the lid on local restaurants flirting with failure in Kitchen Nightmares Australia on Channel 7 and 7plus. Visiting a different struggling restaurant each week, Colin will uncover why they are on the brink of collapse, providing emergency restaurant rescue with a unique combination of practical insight, compelling entertainment and a few expletives for good measure.

Kitchen Nightmares Australia is produced by Eureka Productions for the Seven Network, based on a format distributed by All3Media International.

The Chase Australia

After dominating its timeslot in 2022 and winning every week, **The Chase Australia** returns in 2023. Quiz giants Goliath, The Governess, The Beast, The Shark, The Super Nerd, The Tiger Mum and The Smiling Assassin are standing by to take down a new crew of contestants – and they will be joined by a new chaser, The Professor. **The Chase Australia** is hosted by Larry Emdur and produced by ITV Studios Australia for the Seven Network, based on the original ITV quiz show.

Better Homes and Gardens

After more than 25 years at the top of the lifestyle television genre, **Better Homes and Gardens** will again be at home on Friday nights on Channel 7 and 7plus, ready to kickstart the nation's weekend. Johanna Griggs, Dr Harry Cooper, Adam Dovile, "Fast" Ed Halmagyi, Karen Martini, Graham Ross, Pete Colquhoun, Charlie Albone, Juliet Love, Melissa King and James Tobin will bring viewers the best in cooking, gardening, home improvements, technology, health, fitness, motoring and more. **Better Homes and Gardens** is a Seven Production.

This Is Your Life

The hit revival of one of Australia's longest running and most loved television series will continue in 2023, with host Melissa Doyle surprising a new collection of famous Australians, including Rebecca Gibney and Tina Arena. The new-look **This Is Your Life** celebrates one iconic Australian at a time, offering revealing insights, emotional reunions and never-before-

seen footage with their closest colleagues, friends and family, including international names and stellar surprise performers. **This Is Your Life** is produced by ITV Studios for the Seven Network. The format for **This Is Your Life** is owned by TIYL 2010, LLC whose authorised representative is Ralph Edwards Productions and is distributed by All3Media International.

Border Security: Australia's Front Line

The people who devote their lives to keeping Australia safe will again be in the spotlight when the new season of **Border Security: Australia's Front Line** arrives in 2023. Since 2004, the arresting and engaging series has taken viewers behind the scenes of Australia's customs, immigration and quarantine departments. **Border Security: Australia's Front Line** is produced by EQ Media for the Seven Network.

Highway Patrol

For more than 13 years, **Highway Patrol** has followed members of the Victoria Police Highway Patrol (formerly the Traffic Management Unit) as they keep the roads and the people on them safe. **Highway Patrol** is produced by Greenstone TV for the Seven Network with the cooperation of Victoria Police.

Code 1: Minute by Minute

Returning for a second season on Channel 7 and 7plus, the innovative **Code 1: Minute by Minute** dissects some of the biggest and most tragic news events to ever impact Australians. The courageous responders who were first on scene talk through the weeks, the days, the hours, the moments and seconds leading to the event. **Code 1: Minute by Minute** is produced by WTFN for the Seven Network.

Special Events

Seven has always been the home of special event television and 2023 will not be any different.

For the first time since 1995, the **TV WEEK** Logie Awards will be on Channel 7. Seven has struck a multi-year agreement with Are Media to become the Official Broadcast Partner of Australian television's night of nights. The first new-look Logies will be on Channel 7 and 7 plus next year, with the location to be announced soon.

Carols In The Domain will celebrate its 40th anniversary this year and will be seen on Channel 7 and 7plus. Seven recently signed a new, three-year broadcast and digital agreement with the much-loved event's producer, ActiveTV.

Next year will also bring Melbourne's **Good Friday Appeal**, which this year raised \$22 million for the Royal Children's Hospital; the **95**th **Annual Academy Awards**; and the **Channel 7 Telethon** in Western Australia. This year's Telethon took place last weekend and raised a record-breaking \$71.4 million for 97 amazing organisations and children's charities.

#1 IN NEWS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

With 65 newsrooms and 55 news bulletins totalling 23 hours a day over 50 weeks of the year, or more than 5,500 hours of news, no one knows news like Seven.

7NEWS is the #1 news program nationally and across the capital cities year-round. Every weeknight **7NEWS** has a national audience of 1.44 million, with 1.42 million on Sunday evenings and 1.14 million on Saturday evenings.

Sunrise has dominated breakfast TV for an extraordinary 19 years, while **The Morning Show** has been #1 in the mornings for 15 years.

7NEWS Spotlight has become essential viewing on Sunday nights and **The Latest from 7NEWS** dominates late-night TV news viewing. <u>7NEWS.com.au</u> has seen its audience jump 14% over the past year, with 1.2 million people visiting the site each day.

Seven Director of News and Public Affairs, Craig McPherson, said: "**7NEWS** has been the most-watched news nationally and in the capital cities for seven consecutive years, a title that we do not take for granted.

"From the passing of the Queen to the invasion of Ukraine and floods, bushfires and federal and state elections, Australians choose to watch **7NEWS** and engage with it online.

"Australians trust **7NEWS** to tell them the truth and keep them informed. It's a big responsibility, but one we gladly accept," he said.

"This year, **7NEWS** has seen exceptional growth in Melbourne, as well as Brisbane and Adelaide, with Perth news dominating its market and Sydney holding its commercial share.

"This year we also integrated all the Prime newsrooms throughout regional Australia into the **7NEWS** family, adding to our growing reach and national strength," Mr McPherson said.

"For the 19th year in a row, **Sunrise**, hosted by David Koch and Natalie Barr, is #1 in its timeslot and has an unmatchable audience lead. Australia's #1 breakfast show has won every week this year, nationally and in the capital cities.

"Each weekday, **Sunrise** reaches abut one million Australians and it has grown its BVOD audience on 7plus 20% year-on-year. Millions more watch **Sunrise** on social media and 7NEWS.com.au every day."

(For more about Seven's news and public affairs line-up, please see separate media release.)

YOUR HOME OF SPORT

From the AFL and cricket to thoroughbred racing and Supercars, the most-loved sports in Australia will all be on Seven in 2023, live and free, all year round.

The network's wall of sport has kicked off with Seven's WBBL coverage, before embarking on the 2022-23 Summer of Cricket, and continues strong throughout next year, with iconic sporting moments including the AFL Grand Final, FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023™, the Repco Bathurst 1000, NFL Super Bowl, The Everest, the Golden Slipper, the Golden Eagle, the Caulfield Cup, the Cox Plate and the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.

Managing Director Seven Melbourne and Head of Network Sport, Lewis Martin, said: "This year was a massive year for sport fans and for Seven, with the **Olympic Winter Games Beijing**, the **Paralympic Winter Games**, the **XXII Commonwealth Games**, **AFL**, **AFLW**, **cricket**, **thoroughbred racing**, **Supercars** and a lot more.

"Sport has the magic that brings us all together, creating moments that inspire the nation. It is the ultimate storyteller and no one tells that story better than Seven.

"Next year is going to be another huge year and we can't wait to bring all the drama, emotion and heart-stopping moments to all Australians, live and free, across the entire year. Australia loves sport and Seven has the best sport on television, year in, year out."

The gripping 2022 **AFL** season culminated on 24 September, when the Geelong Cats triumphed in the **AFL Grand Final**. Seven was also a winner, with the Grand Final attracting a national total TV audience of 2.97 million, making it the most-watched TV program so far in the 2022 ratings survey year.

The **AFL** and the **AFLW** will be back on Seven in 2023, and for the following eight years, along with the **Brownlow Medal** (exclusive to Seven) and the best and most-awarded football commentary team in Australia.

The country's #1 footy show, **The Front Bar**, will also be back, with Sam Pang, Mick Molloy and Andy Maher delivering another season of insights and fun. In great news for their fans, **The Front Bar** crew will also present a series of All Sports episodes ahead of the start of the AFL season.

In July and August, Seven and 7plus will present the **FIFA Women's World Cup** Australia & New Zealand 2023™.

The biggest **FIFA Women's World Cup** in history will take place in nine host cities and 10 stadia across Australia and New Zealand, marking the first time it has been played in two nations. Thirty-two teams will compete in 64 matches in the world's largest women's single-sport event, with the action and excitement live and free across the screens of Seven.

Across the competition, 15 key matches – including the opening match, Quarterfinals, Semi-Finals and the Final – will be broadcast on Seven and 7plus, with Seven's matches also available to stream on-demand via 7plus. (For more about the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023, please see separate media release.)

Seven's 2022-23 Summer of Cricket will have the nation enthralled from 30 November when Australia's men's cricket team meet the West Indies for the opening day of the first test, live and free from Optus Stadium in Perth.

In a year like no other, Seven's **BBL** and **WBBL** coverage will host a star-studded line up of current day players, alongside cricket's #1 commentary team, providing the best analysis of the game's key moments and highlights. With more international players than we have ever seen, this year's **BBL** and **WBBL** seasons will be bigger and better.

The **Supercars Championship** will storm back onto Seven in 2023, in a year like no other, starting with the **Newcastle 500** and including the **Repco Bathurst 1000** in October. Next year will also mark the beginning of a new era in motorsport, with the introduction of Supercars Gen 3, headlined by the iconic Mustang and Camaro.

Seven is again proud to be Australia's home of **thoroughbred racing** in 2023, live and free every Saturday across the year on Seven and 7plus.

Seven is also set to broadcast **The Big Dance**, live, free and exclusive from Royal Randwick on Tuesday, 1 November 2022. Led by the incomparable Bruce McAvaney, racing's #1 commentary team will be in full force for the monumental occasion, including former **Sunrise** co-host and **Farmer Wants A Wife** special guest, Samantha Armytage.

In 2023, Seven's ground-breaking, long-term partnership with Racing Victoria, Racing NSW, Racing Queensland and Racing SA will bring viewers 52 weeks of the best racing, including Magic Millions, The Everest, the Golden Slipper, the Golden Eagle, the Caulfield Cup, the Cox Plate, the Queensland Oaks, the Queensland Derby, the South Australian Derby and the South Australian Oaks and Goodwood Handicap.

A massive year of sport on Seven also features the **Sydney Hobart Yacht Race**, the rest of the 2022-23 **NFL** season – including the **Super Bowl LVII** on 12 February 2023 – **NFL Armchair Experts**, **AFL Armchair Experts** and **The Sunday Session**.

(For more about Seven's sport line-up, please see separate media release.)

7MATE, 7TWO, 7FLIX

There is a reason 7mate, 7two and 7flix are the most-watched multi-channels in Australia: they consistently give viewers different, engaging and fresh content.

The brand-new Australian content on 7mate in 2023 includes:

Local Council: The latest comedy from Pauly Fenech of **Housos, Fat Pizza** and **Bogan Hunters** fame is set in Australia's most corrupt, lazy and inept council. Starring Pauly Fenech, George Kapinaris, Melissa Tkautz, Vince Sorrenti and John Bernard Kairouz (Antichocko Productions).

Gem Hunters Down Under: Take a wild ride into the remarkable world of the sapphire hunters of Central Queensland, home to one of the richest sapphire deposits on earth. The blind pursuit of this incredible gem pushes a hardy band of miners to their limits (WildBear Entertainment).

Outback Farm: From outback truckers to outback farmers, the gypsy-style water-drilling family, Danyelle and Anthony Haigh and children Theo and Heath, are about to embark on their greatest outback adventure yet (Prospero Productions).

Close Encounters Down Under: Forget Roswell and forget Area 51; the most visited place on earth by UFOs is Australia, with 1,200 sightings a year and counting. The stories of eyewitness encounters, with expert commentary, must be seen to be believed (EQ Media).

Watch Dogs: A "fly on the wall", partially unscripted comedy looks at incompetent, dysfunctional night-time security guards as they cause more harm than good, dealing with prostitutes, turf wars with private school boys and everything in between (Oldboy Productions).

Heavy Tow Truckers Down Under: Five Australian and New Zealand heavy-duty trucking companies take on the toughest and most extreme towing contracts in the Southern Hemisphere, led by teams of charismatic truckers (Fredbird Entertainment).

Aussie Truck Rehab: Big-rig restorer Jon Kelly and his live-wire team of restoration experts are on an all-or-nothing mission to build the world's greatest truck rehab firm, determined to find, fix and flip their way to trucking glory (Ronde Media).

Adventure Gold Diggers: Follow the adventures of five adrenaline-fuelled prospecting teams as they search for hard-won gold in some of the most remote and inhospitable areas of Australia (Fredbird Entertainment).

The 7mate line-up also includes **Pawn Stars**, **Motor Mythbusters**, **American Pickers**, **Storage Wars**, **Extreme Ice Railroad** and **Ultimate Rides**, plus blockbuster Hollywood movies.

New on 7two next year is **Gold Coast Ocean Rescue**, set in the Sea World Research & Rescue Foundation, where an expert team of vets and marine scientists rescues animals, rehabilitates them and releases them back into the wild.

The 7two content slate also includes Murdoch Mysteries, Miss Scarlet and The Duke, Doc Martin, A Touch Of Frost, Call The Midwife, Rosemary & Thyme, Inspector Lynley Mysteries, Air Crash Investigations, Greatest Escapes To The Country and The Yorkshire Vet.

In 2023, 7flix will bring the very best in animation with **The Simpsons**, **American Dad**, **Family Guy** and more, plus Gordon Ramsay's hit shows and family, kids and action movies across the week.

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The key content on Channel 7 next year includes:

7NEWS*

7NEWS Spotlight*

9-1-1

9-1-1: Lonestar

A Year On Planet Earth

Accused

Alert

Armchair Experts*

Australian Football League*

AFLW*

Animals Aboard With Dr Harry*

Australian Idol*

Better Homes and Gardens*

Big Brother: House of Love*

Blow Up*

Border Security: Australia's Front Line*

Carols In The Domain*

Channel 7 Telethon*

The Claremont Murders*

Code 1: Minute by Minute*

Con Girl*

Cricket (various)*

Fantasy Island

Farmer Wants A Wife*

FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023

Flashpoint*

Good Friday Appeal*

Highway Patrol*

Horse racing (various)*

Home and Away*

Kitchen Nightmares Australia*

Litvinenko

Lopez vs Lopez

Million Dollar Island*

Mrs Brown's Boys

My Kitchen Rules*

Quantum Leap

RFDS*

SAS Australia*

South Aussie with Cosi*

Starstruck

Sunday Footy Fest*

Sunrise*

Supercars Championship, including the Bathurst 1000*

Sydney Hobart Yacht Race*

The 1% Club*

The 95th Annual Academy Awards

The Amazing Race

The Blacklist

The Chase Australia*

The Front Bar*

The Good Doctor

The Morning Show*

The Latest from 7NEWS*

The TV WEEK Logie Awards*

The Voice*

This Is Your Life*

We Interrupt This Broadcast*

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