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Denham Hitchcock joins Seven's Sunday Night

Strictly embargoed Sunday January 19, 2014; Accomplished foreign correspondent Denham Hitchcock has joined Channel Seven.

Denham this week took up his role as a reporter with Seven's flagship news and public affairs program *Sunday Night*, hosted by Chris Bath.

He joins an award-winning team of journalists including Ross Coulthart, Mike Willesee, Rahni Sadler, Alex Cullen and Peta-Jane "PJ" Madam.

Denham said: "I've been glued to *Sunday Night* for the last five years. I'm delighted to join its ranks, and thoroughly look forward to a much-promised 'baptism of fire'.

"As a foreign correspondent, I've had the opportunity to cover some of the world's biggest stories but for the first time in a long time I'll have the chance to come home between stories. It's a dream job. Not only do I get the chance to work with some of the best in the business but I have the added bonus of being based in the country that I love."

Denham began his journalistic career with Channel Seven straight out of high school in 1995, as an assistant and researcher with *Today Tonight*. Shortly after, he transferred to the Sydney newsroom where he worked as an assistant chief of staff and producer.

In 1997, Denham moved to the Nine Network as assistant chief of staff before securing a key producing role. At 22, he made the move to London, working for two years as a freelance reporter, editor and producer for Reuters, BSKYB and GMTV.

Denham backpacked through Europe, Africa and the Middle East for a year before returning to the Nine newsroom in 2001. In 2010, he earned the coveted position of US Correspondent in the Los Angeles Bureau for the Network.

During his four years overseas, Denham has covered some of the world's most significant news events including Typhoon Haiyan, the Boston Bombings, the papal election in The Vatican City, Hurricane Sandy and the massacre at Sandy Hook elementary school.

He's also interviewed Hollywood royalty including Angelina Jolie, Matt Damon, Johnny Depp, Lionel Ritchie and Betty White, to name a few.

Sunday Night Executive Producer Mark Llewellyn said: "Denham has all the qualities that fill me with jealousy. He has been blessed with great looks, a keen brain, and is clearly a star in the making. If not for the fact that he is also an awesome bloke with a journalist's thirst for a great yarn I'd be green with envy – instead I am over the moon at having him join *Sunday Night*."

Sunday Night returns to Channel Seven soon.

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