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Seven opens the bidding with Under The Hammer

Scott Pape will host Seven's all-new TV series Under the Hammer, which follows a group of Australians embarking on the most important operation of their lives – buying and selling the family home.

Seven today announced that network finance expert Scott Pape from Seven News will host **UNDER THE HAMMER**, a brand new auction series capturing the nerve-wracking drama of Australian families battling the property market.

There are myriad reasons for buying and selling the family home at auction – from looking for more space, to downsizing, to moving interstate, easing the mortgage pressure or wanting to live closer to family and schools.

But whatever the motivation, everyone sweats on the outcome. After the months of planning and agonizing, and the hours of repairs and cleaning, this is the one event that can dictate what our future holds – and whether our dreams will come true.

It all comes down to auction day, and **UNDER THE HAMMER** will capture the drama.

Filmed over the Spring 2013 selling season, **UNDER THE HAMMER** follows two Australian families each week as they run the gauntlet of the property market – from the first inspections through to the auction.

Scott Pape, Seven's personal finance expert, said the show would shine a light on the many challenges as well as the potential rewards when a home is placed on the market.

"Buying a home is one of the biggest decisions that a person will make in their lifetime. What I love about this show is it takes you behind the scenes and shows you the pitfalls and the profits that everyday people can make when buying or selling at auction," Scott said.

"I'm passionate about helping people make better decisions with their money, and I think buying a home is one of the best financial moves you can make."

UNDER THE HAMMER is coming soon to Seven.

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