



SEVEN ANNOUNCES NEW LOCAL SERIES FOR MID-YEAR... AND THE RETURN OF SOME FAVOURITES

(June 1, 2009) Some of Australia's most troublesome teenagers will find themselves facing a collision with culture in Channel Seven's new fish-out-of-water series **WORLD'S STRICTEST PARENTS**, one of five new local new series to debut soon.

In this new series no family should miss, **WORLD'S STRICTEST PARENTS** will test the mettle of these kids with attitude when they are transported from their parents' confines and sent to live overseas with a new family and a new set of house rules.

No swearing, no smoking, no wild parties, earlier curfews. Will this end in a life changing experience for these local teens that have gone off the rails?

WORLD'S STRICTEST PARENTS joins a new slate of new Australian-made programming, all coming soon to Seven.

NEW SERIES:

TV BURP: Comedian Ed Kavalee flips what we love and hate about our TV favourites on its head in this new comedy series. From soap operas to documentaries to reality TV, nothing is safe from TV Burp's unique style of celebrating the week that was on TV. Based on the hugely successful and BAFTA award winning UK series, Harry Hill's TV Burp.

ICU: From the crew behind the hugely successful Medical Emergency, this new series goes behind the scenes of The Alfred Hospital's Intensive Care Unit.

AIR WAYS: An unprecedented look at the day-to-day running of a budget airline in Australia - all the stress and joy of travel come together in this series as passengers and the staff from Tiger Airways contends with misplaced luggage, delayed flights and even a wedding.

DOUBLE TAKE: A fast-paced collection of irreverent sketch comedy, **DOUBLE TAKE** focuses on parody and impersonation. Spoofs of your favourite TV shows (ones involving dancers, desperate farmers, losers and Sunrise included), movie send-ups and political trivialisation (think Julia Gillard serenading K-Rudd).

WORLD'S STRICTEST PARENTS: And taking the tough line in the battle between teens and adults are the **WORLD'S STRICTEST PARENTS**, a documentary series which joins headstrong Aussie teens with strict parents from around the world in a bid to whip them into shape. These parents are tough but can they tame wild Aussie teens?

Seven's Director of Programming and Production, Mr Tim Worner said: "A big part of our business at Seven is the development of local programming. The shows we are announcing today represent an investment made 12 months ago.

"We are tremendously thrilled to be launching fresh ideas and fresh faces into the mid year entertainment schedule. Audiences are making these shows the most popular on television – and that confirmation points to a very strong back half of the year. A second wave of local production is about to be commissioned. These projects will be announced in the coming weeks."

Add to that the return of four favourite series, soon to Seven:

RETURNING SERIES:

SURF PATROL: A man dies f times on a Gold Coast beach and is resuscitated by lifeguards. Tom Williams joins the real heroes of Australian beaches, volunteer life guards, as host for the third season of SURF PATROL. A former life saver himself, Williams will follow the men and women who strive to keep the most popular and treacherous of this country's 11,000-plus beaches safe.

PACKED TO THE RAFTERS: The Rafter family is back for season two – and things are getting to get a lot more packed...With Julie (Rebecca Gibney) revealing to the family she is pregnant, the Rafters are thrown into more chaos. Lucky Dave (Erik Thomson) keeps a level head and keep things on track. Expect a wedding this season.

DANCING WITH THE STARS: Daniel MacPherson and Sonia Kruger return to host this enduring series – the next line-up of celebrity hoofers will be announced soon, and expect the unexpected this year. Todd McKenney, Helen Richey and Mark Wilson will keep them on their toes from behind the judges' desk.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS: Jennifer Hawkins, Ernie Dingo and Tom Williams return in new episodes, with the best budget travel within Australia and overseas.

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