

An array of BBC Worldwide content for the ABC

BBC Worldwide ANZ has recently licensed the Australian Broadcasting Corporation a package of premiere factual and entertainment content for ABC1 and ABC2, showcasing the well known talents of celebrity chat show host Alan Carr and Hollywood star Billy Connolly, along with a range of documentaries and news and current affairs titles.

BAFTA award-winning Alan Carr returns with his irrepressible chat show ***Alan Carr: Chatty Man*** featuring top-notch guest stars, gossip and a cheeky drink or two from Alan's well-stocked bar.

Hollywood star, comedian and everyone's favourite Scotsman Billy Connolly explores changing attitudes, beliefs and approaches towards death, whilst also considering his own approach to the final curtain in ***Billy Connolly's Big Send Off***.

Investigative journalist Jacques Peretti turns his attention to the diet industry in ***The Men Who Made Us Thin***, where he confronts those who are making a fortune from people's desire to become thinner and in ***The Men Who Made Us Spend***, Jacques examines the three key driving forces behind our spending habits.

Mad Man: Inside the Secret World of Muammar Gaddafi is a hard-hitting documentary that takes viewers inside the horrifying and unbelievable secret world of Muammar Gaddafi. This is a story of raw, absolute and unrestrained power exercised by a brilliant madman who terrorised and compromised Libyans and Western countries alike: a dictator whose oil billions gave him the means to do anything a human being can possibly imagine.

Other titles included in the package are: ***Secrets of South America***, which explores the extreme measures one South American country goes to in order to turn its young women into world-beating beauty queens; ***Prostitution: What's the Harm?***, a lively and thought provoking documentary investigating the current state of prostitution in the UK; ***My Baggy Body***, an intimate film that follows three people as they decide how to deal with the excess skin they've been left with after extreme weight loss; and ***Edinburgh Military Tattoo 2014***, set against the world famous backdrop of Edinburgh Castle, featuring awe-inspiring variety and performers from the four corners of the globe.

'The variety of programming in this package highlights the diversity of BBC Worldwide's catalogue and we are delighted to offer the ABC's viewers the opportunity to view this fantastic range of great British content,' said Irene Read, Head of TV Sales, BBC Worldwide Australia & New Zealand.

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