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THE ADVENTURES OF ABNEY & TEAL TO AIR ON ABC4KIDS

In a recently completed deal with BBC Worldwide Australasia, ABC TV has licensed the children's series **The Adventures of Abney & Teal**, which will broadcast for the first time in Australia on ABC4Kids later in the year.

Featuring 52 x 11' episodes **The Adventures of Abney & Teal** is a warm, light-hearted and contemporary animated series centred around the adventures of two rag dolls who live in a park. From the award winning Ragdoll Productions, this pre-school series is based on characters and stories created by established children's author and illustrator, Joel Stewart.

Robyn Campbell, BBC Worldwide Australasia's Senior Sales Manager said: "**The Adventures of Abney & Teal** is a delightful animation series that parents will enjoy watching almost as much as their children. ABC4Kids is the perfect platform for this programme and we are thrilled that Abney & Teal will be included in their line-up of children's television programming."

Barbara Uecker, Head of Acquisitions ABC4Kids said: "Abney and Teal is a great addition to our line-up of beloved preschool characters on ABC4Kids and we're looking forward to introducing these two to the Australian audience."

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