



BBC WORLD NEWS PUTS AUSTRALIA UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Sydney, 14 October 2014; BBC World News presents *Australia Direct*, a special season of programming that gets under the skin of our vast and fascinating country, to air on the channel across the G20 Summit. Vignettes will also be available to watch on BBC.com.

As world leaders descend on Brisbane for the G20, the BBC's team of reporters and correspondents will shed light on what's driving Australia's economy, its technological innovation, thriving tourism sector, sporting life and much more. Programs in the series include:

Australia Direct

November 15th: 11.10, 18.10

Yalda Hakim presents the BBC World News guide to Australia Direct, introducing highlights of the programmes in the season.

The Travel Show

November 15th: 15.30

November 16th: 17.30

Rajan Datar travels across Western Australia, uncovering what's behind the enduring appeal of the country for the millions of visitors it attracts each year. On his journey he travels to Perth, to see how the impact of the mining boom has transformed the city's architecture and scale, and finds out how street art is flourishing in the state capital. He travels up north to get a taste of life in the outback herding thousands of cattle on an indigenous-owned station. And to cap it all off, Rajan gets a close encounter with an Australian icon - the saltwater crocodile.

Working Lives

November 15th: 23.30

November 16th: 11.30, 18.30

Aaron Heslehurst profiles people working at different levels of the economy including fashion design duo Bec & Bridge and James Agnew of Agnew Wines. He also explores how Sydney is helping to drive Australia's economic growth, and what the drivers of its recent recovery are.

Talking Business with Linda Yueh

November 15th: 11.30

November 16th: 23.30

Linda Yueh will be at the G20 summit in Brisbane, taking the temperature of the summit with expert guests. *Talking Business with Linda Yueh* offers a unique, analytical response to global business news, considering the different perspectives of every story.

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November 15th: 17.30

November 16th: 15.30

From high tech buoys, to military surveillance, to drones used to herd cattle, BBC World News's Tech Guru, Spencer Kelly, is on a mission to discover where Australia is leading the world in technological innovation.

Extra Time

November 10th – 14th

(5 episodes throughout the week): 07.30, 15.30, 20.30

James Magnussen, Adam Goodes and Merv Hughes are among the sporting names interviewed by Rob Bonnet for this Australian edition of *Extra Time*.

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