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ALL NEW *TOP GEAR* ON ITS WAY FOR AUSSIE FANS, FIRST ON FOXTEL

- *Top Gear Series 20* premieres on BBC Knowledge Sunday July 7 at 7.30pm (AEST), express from the UK
- *Top Gear Week* launches on BBC Knowledge in August, featuring new and exclusive content including a one-off special from *Top Gear Festival - Sydney*

Australian *Top Gear* fans are in for a treat with a brand new series of *Top Gear* to hit our shores in July, followed closely by the global television event *Top Gear Week* in August.

Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May return to our screens with six new episodes of the world's most popular car show, from **Sunday July 7 at 7.30pm (AEST)** on BBC Knowledge, first on Foxtel.

This new season of *Top Gear* sees the presenters in typically irreverent form, launching a highly scientific process to find the world's fastest taxi and doing their bit for European economic turmoil by blasting across Spain in three 'affordable' supercars. The boys design a car that can turn into a hovercraft and investigate the popularity of 'soft roader' cars by turning into caravan enthusiasts!

The *Top Gear* team also drop in to visit our Kiwi cousins, where they race a car against an America's Cup yacht up the coast of New Zealand.

In an epic celebration of the many brilliant machines currently made in Britain, *Top Gear* tests the Jaguar F-type, the Range Rover Sport and the new double decker Bus For London. Also hitting the test track are the BAC Mono, Ford Fiesta ST, Peugeot 208 GTI, Renaultsport Clio 200 and Mercedes SLS Black.

Hot on the heels of *Top Gear Series 20* is *Top Gear Week* – a high-octane week of entertainment for the most passionate of *Top Gear* fans. Running from August 19-26, *Top Gear Week* will bring together classic *Top Gear* moments alongside brand new challenges in the special line-up of programmes including *Top Gear's Top 41*, *Top Gear Festival – Sydney* and *The Worst Car in the History of the World*.

Tim Christlieb, Head of Programming and Production, BBC Worldwide Australia & New Zealand comments: "*Top Gear* is a global phenomenon, a firm favourite amongst our BBC Knowledge viewers and we can't wait to premiere six fresh new episodes on the channel - express from the UK, first on Foxtel. Then comes *Top Gear Week* - a seven day celebration of the show jam-packed with brand new content from the *Top Gear* team every day. It's a TV event being enjoyed by BBC Knowledge viewers all round the world, and we're particularly excited to be bringing all of the action from *Top Gear Festival – Sydney* to audiences across Australia and the world, as well as *Top Gear's Top 41*."

Counting down across the week, *Top Gear's Top 41* does exactly what it says on the tin. Presented by Richard Hammond and brand new from the *Top Gear* team, it will bring together the 41 best

moments of *Top Gear* across the years with a new segment of the countdown being revealed each night during *Top Gear Week*.

Top Gear Festival – Sydney sees the team visit Sydney, Australia in March 2013 to host their most ambitious Top Gear festival to date at Sydney Motorsport Park. Featuring Jeremy Clarkson, James May and the Stig, this special looks at the two-day extravaganza featuring the world's fastest cars, madcap *Top Gear* challenges and guest-star appearances from some Australian sporting legends.

And not forgetting something for petrol heads everywhere, ***The Worst Car in the History of the World*** will see Jeremy Clarkson and James May, aka 'the Motormouth' and 'Captain Slow', put their heads together on a journey to identify, name and shame the world's worst car ever. However, in this 75 minute special the biggest hurdle they face is agreeing on what car this actually is. Everyone has an opinion on bad cars. Now it's time to hear from the most opinionated of them all.

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Top Gear Week TX information:

Top Gear's Top 41: Monday - Saturday at 7.30pm and Sunday from 6.30pm

Top Gear Festival – Sydney: Tuesday August 20 at 8.30pm

Top Gear: The Worst Car in the History of the World: Wednesday August 21 at 8.30pm

Programme credits

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