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OPENING CEREMONY

SATURDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 7.30PM AEDT ON ABC TV + ABC IVIEW

CLOSING CEREMONY

SATURDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 7.30PM AEDT ON ABC TV + ABC IVIEW

Broadcast live from the forecourt of the iconic Sydney Opera House, the Invictus Games Sydney 2018 Opening Ceremony will celebrate the power of the human spirit by sharing personal stories of recovery, endurance, rehabilitation and overcoming adversity from the many rich and diverse cultures that make up the Invictus Games family.

ABC TV's coverage of the opening ceremony will be anchored by Chris Bath, with co-host Anthony "Lehmo" Lehmann and Dylan Alcott, with Curtis McGrath as military expert commentator.

The closing ceremony will be a celebration of the Games, broadcast from Sydney Olympic Park. ABC's coverage will be anchored by Chris Bath with co-host Anthony "Lehmo" Lehmann and Dylan Alcott, with Curtis McGrath as military expert and commentator. Grammy-nominated artist Aloe Blacc will perform as will Australian alternative rock band Birds of Tokyo, along with other performers to be announced soon.

Both ceremonies will be broadcast on ABC TV and streamed live on ABC's iView and on ABC TV and iView's social channels, for viewing live around the world.

Production details: ABC TV Executive Producers: Kirsty Bradmore and Frances O'Riordan. Head Regional, Local Sport and Events: Kath Earle.

FIGHTING SPIRIT – THE WHEELING DIGGERS’ INVICTUS GAMES DREAM

TUESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 8.30PM,
ABC + ABC IVIEW

This deeply moving one-hour documentary goes behind-the-scenes of the Invictus Games Sydney 2018 to follow the formation of the Australian Defence Force wheelchair rugby team as they struggle to reclaim their lives on and off the court, and strive to wear the green and gold at the Games.

Once again, these wounded warriors will put their bodies on the line in service of their country. Only this time, the battlefield is a stadium court, their armour of choice is a combat wheelchair and their adversaries are amongst some of the most inspirational Service men and women in the world.

This story begins on day one of selections, 25 serving personnel and veterans from all over Australia gather in Sydney to stake their claim for one of 11 Australian jerseys up for grabs in the “Wheeling Diggers” wheelchair rugby team. The selection criteria are unlike any other sporting event, competitors are not selected on performance but how the experience will benefit their ongoing recovery and rehabilitation.

Amongst the veterans trying out is 47-year-old former special forces soldier Peter Rudland, his Invictus Games preparation includes undergoing his 31st operation since his Blackhawk helicopter crash in 2010.

For 24-year-old Navy Marine Technician Mark Daniels, trying out for Invictus Games Sydney 2018 is just another chance to prove that he is not defined by his injury. Mark lost his leg when he was hit while riding his motorbike by a distracted driver in 2015. He has spent the past two years fighting to remain in the Navy.

For many trying out for the Invictus Games, it’s the unseen injuries that affect them the most, such as PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) which has claimed more defence lives back home in the past two years than the 14-year war in Afghanistan. Forty-year-old Air Force veteran Trudi Lines is trying out for the Invictus Games Sydney 2018 to help her cope with the transition back into civilian life. While for 42-year-old Matthew Blunt, applying for his first Invictus Games has given him a reason to leave his own house.

This is a story about a very special team of wounded warriors who are united by their physical and mental hardships and their determination to remain ‘*unconquered*’ through the universal language of sport.

Production details: Writer/Director, Brad Cone. Producer, Bel Cone. Producer/Editor, Andrew Brismead. A Threefold Film production for ABC TV. ABC Commissioning Editor, Julie Hanna. Head of ABC Factual, Steve Bibb. Narrated by Chris Bath.

*Fighting Spirit – The Wheeling
Diggers' Invictus Games Dream*



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THURSDAY 18TH AND 25TH OCTOBER, 8.30PM, ABC + ABC IVIEW

This two-part observational documentary series heralds the Invictus Games Sydney 2018 with an ambitious 1000-km expedition across Western Australia's remote Kimberley. Starting in Broome, a team of Australian and British wounded and injured veterans set off along the rugged Gibb River Road in adapted 4x4s, bonding on the road and in bush camps, and pushing themselves on a gruelling trek through the remote Wunnamurra Gorge. As they pull together they begin to share intimate stories of their injuries and discuss the difficulties and issues they face having left the Services.

The trip is led by former Parachute Regiment officer, Martin Hewitt. Martin was shot in Afghanistan in 2007, subsequently losing the use of his right arm. In 2011 he joined HRH The Duke of Sussex and a team of British wounded veterans on an unsupported trek to the North Pole, as filmed in the BBC's Harry's Arctic Heroes.

British veteran Shaun Stocker, 27, from Wrexham in Wales, was a Private Fusilier in the Royal Welsh First Battalion, Infantry Regiment. At the age of 19, and just six days before the end of his tour in Afghanistan, he stepped on an IED. He lost both his legs and was blinded. He spent six years in hospital and has regained 30% vision in one eye. The other Brit is Keanie Trick, 23, from Devon. An aircraft technician, Keanie is awaiting medical discharge. She suffers from chronic pain in her pelvis and spine after a fall from an assault course in training. Keanie also suffers from severe depression and anxiety. Like so many veterans, she's unsure about her future away from the Forces.

The Brits join up with their Australian teammates Dean West and Matt Tolson at the NORFORCE base in Broome. Dean West, 45, from Brisbane was a Corporal in the AAI (Australian Army Infantry). In 1993 he was involved in a serious vehicle accident on a training mission in Malaysia. Five of his fellow soldiers died, including Dean's best mate. As well as spinal and brain injuries, he has battled severe depression and PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) – open and emotional, he's passionate about the importance of talking about mental health. Matt Tolson, 32, from Caboolture, Queensland, was a private in the AAI. He suffers from severe pain in his back and knees and acute PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) from being exposed to traumatic events whilst peace keeping in Timor Leste. Accompanying Matt on this journey is his assistance dog, a black Labrador called Hades.

Two months after setting off on this remarkable journey the veterans meet up with HRH The Duke of Sussex and share the story of their extraordinary expedition: a journey that fully captured the Invictus spirit, a fighting spirit and a belief in what is possible to achieve after injury.

Production details: ABC Head of Factual, Steve Bibb. ABC Commissioning Editor, Julie Hanna. Executive Producer, Lucy Carter Series Producer/Director, Benjamin Crichton. Producer/Director, Nicola Comber.

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YOU CAN'T ASK THAT – INVICTUS GAMES

STARTS SUNDAY, 21ST OCTOBER AT 6.50PM
AND CONTINUES WEEKNIGHTS DURING
THE GAMES, ABC + ABC IVIEW

*The Invictus Games is for sick and wounded soldiers.
What's wrong with you?
What the hell's Invictus Games
and why should we care?
How did you go from being a broken soldier
to representing Australia?*

You Can't Ask That, a proudly homegrown ABC original format, puts misunderstood and marginalised Australians front and centre. During the Invictus Games Sydney 2018, ABC and ABC iView will screen a series of six mini-episodes of *You Can't Ask That - Invictus Games* featuring former and current members of the Australian Invictus Games team in this unique program. *You Can't Ask That – Invictus Games* asks the hard questions and allows the competitors to answer in their own words with conviction, candour and humour.

Production details: Series Directors/Producers: Kirk Docker and Aaron Smith. ABC Executive Producer, Lou Porter.

INVICTUS GAMES SYDNEY 2018

STARTS ON SUNDAY, 21ST OCTOBER,
5PM ON ABC + ABC IVIEW

Each night Amanda Shalala and Niam Owens will present a one-hour wrap up of the day's competition from Sydney's Olympic Park. Service men and women from around the world will compete over eight days in a series of sporting disciplines and each night between 5-6PM we'll see highlights of the sports as well as hear from some of the competitors who've taken the field of play that day.

Production details: ABC Executive Producer: Kristy Bradmore.
Associate Producer: Janet Gill

*You Can't Ask That –
Invictus Games*



INVICTUS GAMES TODAY

STARTS ON SUNDAY, 21ST OCTOBER,
7.40PM ON ABC + ABC IVIEW

FROM MONDAY, 22ND OCTOBER,
8PM ON ABC + ABC IVIEW

Invictus Games Today will be a lively half hour entertainment program hosted by Chris Bath with co-host Anthony “Lehmo” Lehmann, Dylan Alcott from triple j and former Invictus Games competitor Damien Thomlinson, as well as a rotating team of current Invictus Games Sydney 2018 competitors, military personnel, mental health professionals and sports experts, and some surprise familiar faces. *Invictus Games Today* will be broadcast live out of the Invictus Games precinct at Sydney Olympic Park. *Invictus Games Today* will capture – and help create – the spirit of the Games, delivering a nightly news segment, a roundup of results and achievements, plus features on the competitors and the family members and friends who support them. The program will be broadcast on ABC’s main television channel, on ABC iView and on ABC’s international television channel ABC Australia, throughout Asian and the Pacific.

Production details: ABC Head of Entertainment and Factual: Josie Mason Campbell. ABC Executive Producer: Frances O’Riordan. JAM TV Executive Producer: Luke Tunnecliffe. JAM TV Supervising Series Producer: Rachel Miller. Co-Ordination Creative Producer: Graham Burrells. Director: Gary Deans.

AUSTRALIAN STORY

MONDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 8PM,
ABC + ABC IVIEW

Australian Story presents the remarkable story of Special Forces Sniper Team Commander and Invictus Games competitor, Garry Robinson, who survived a Blackhawk helicopter crash in Afghanistan in 2010 in which a number of his friends were killed. This special episode follows his recovery, including the crucial role played by his family.

Production details: Executive Producer, Caitlin Shea. Producer, Jennifer Feller.

CATALYST – BIONIC REVOLUTION

TUESDAY 23RD OCTOBER, 8.30PM, ABC + ABC IVIEW

Australia's flagship science documentary program, *Catalyst* presents a remarkable story about the inspiring topic of 'bionic humans'. Dr Nikki Stamp meets three Australians whose lives are transformed by artificial body parts, and scientists whose cutting-edge work merging biology with technology reveal a world on the cusp of a bionic revolution. In country Victoria, a young girl is about to get her first artificial hand. In Melbourne, a woman is about to have an advanced cochlear ear switched on, and on the Gold Coast, a Paralympian is about to trial new bionic feet.

Ever since Nikki was a child, she's wanted to mend broken bodies. Now, as a cardiothoracic surgeon, she does that almost every day, increasingly with the use of bionic or artificial body parts. As Nikki discovers in this episode, the remarkable work being done to merge biology with technology is transforming millions of lives and offering up medical possibilities we couldn't have dreamed of a few short years ago.

In Berlin, Nikki meets with Bertolt Meyer, a professor with one of the most advanced bionic hands in the world. With individual motors and pressure sensors for the fingers, a rotating thumb and phone app control it's an impressive prosthetic, but at around \$80,000 AUD it's also out of reach for many. In country Victoria, Nikki visits Mat Bowtell, a retrenched engineer who's invested in 3D printers to make affordable prosthetic hands for anyone who needs them. We watch on as he gives one to Lois, a six-year-old girl who was born without fingers on her left hand. Now, prosthetic hands don't have

sensory awareness, but as Nikki discovers at the University of New South Wales, Australian scientists have made some significant discoveries that may one day give prosthetic hands the ability to feel.

One human sense where Australian scientists have made incredible progress is with the transmission of sound. Louise, a 44-year-old woman who's been deaf since birth, is about to have an advanced cochlear implant switched on for the first time. As she prepares for the switch on, she wonders, "This life change for me, is it going to make it better or is it going to make it worse? I don't know."

As Nikki continues her journey into the world of bionic medicine, Professor Gordon Wallace reveals a virtual Aladdin's cave of 3D printers and human stem cell engineering at the University of Wollongong. At every step, Nikki sees scientific advances that make her rethink the future of bionics – from the generating of biological body parts to the power of robotics to allow a paralysed man to regain mobility, to moving a robotic arm with just her thoughts, and finally, a mini-brain, grown from a piece of skin, that's as advanced as the brain of a 10-week-old foetus. What Nikki ultimately discovers, is that the future of bionics is huge, just like the human spirit that drives its progress and its use.

Production details: Executive Producer, Aidan Laverty. Producer, Belinda Gibbon.



GARDENING AUSTRALIA

FRIDAY, 26TH OCTOBER 7.30PM,
ABC + ABC IVIEW

Gardening Australia presents the remarkable and inspiring story of former member of the Australian Army Special Air Service Regiment (SAS), Peter Rudland and how his love of gardening helped to rebuild his life.

After 28 years in the military Peter Rudland retired with his young family to a large, lush property on the NSW/Queensland border.

Peter survived a horrific helicopter crash in Afghanistan in 2010 that claimed the lives of three of his comrades and injured eight others. His injuries were extreme, but he's been able to rebuild his body and life through a combination of sport and a love of plants. A member of the Australian team for the Invictus Games Sydney 2018, he hopes to repeat his gold medal performance on the recumbent bike at last year's Toronto Games and add to it a medal in the wheelchair rugby.

Plants have always fascinated Peter Rudland none more so than the trees in his bonsai collection. "My two (older) daughters bought me a bonsai plant back in early 2003 when they were little. It's a Chinese Elm and has the same year of birth as my eldest child so is very special to me." That tree sparked an interest in learning the Penjing or Chinese style of the art.

Production details: Executive Producer, Gill Lomas.

ABC KIDS AND ABC ME

ABC's Invictus Games Sydney 2018 coverage is for the whole family, with many ABC ME and ABC KIDS programs featuring an array of Invictus Games-inspired content for younger audiences.

MY INVICTUS GAMES HERO

FROM 6AM SATURDAY 20TH OCTOBER
IN THE ABC ME APP

Leading up to the Invictus Games Sydney 2018, *My Invictus Games Hero* profiles the Model family. We follow their journey to the Games through their eyes.

Matt Model is competing in both athletics and indoor rowing, and his twin 11-year-old boys Cohen and Noah will be right there cheering him on as his biggest fans. We head to their home town of Port Macquarie on NSW's beautiful Mid-North Coast to find out what life is like as the family prepares for Matt's first Invictus Games.

Production details: Executive Producer, Anna Allbury. Producers, Matt Gibb, Samantha de Alwis, Jack Yabsley. Head of ABC Children's, Libbie Doherty. An ABC ME Production.



LAP OF HONOUR

FROM 6AM SATURDAY 20TH OCTOBER
IN THE ABC ME APP

Knox Gibson embodies the Invictus spirit. He is an enigmatic sport-loving 11-year-old who lost part of his arm in a lawnmower accident when he was little, but that doesn't define him or stop him.

During the Invictus Games Sydney 2018 Knox will be ABC ME's junior reporter, in this 3 x 5 minutes series. In each episode Knox and an Invictus Games competitor will head out for a lap around the oval at the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation, sharing their sporting experiences and stories of resilience and courage.

Knox meets Invictus Games Sydney 2018 competitor Emilea Mysko. Emilea competes in cycling and indoor rowing and encourages Knox to have his very first go on a rowing machine.

Knox meets Jocelyn McKinley. Jocelyn competes in archery and gives Knox and insight into what it takes to train for the Invictus Games Sydney 2018.

Knox meets Invictus Games Sydney 2018 competitor Matt Model. Matt will be competing at his very first Invictus Games, in both athletics and indoor rowing. Knox and Matt chat about the 'Invictus Spirit' and who inspires him to keep achieving.

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PLAY SCHOOL

FROM MONDAY 22ND, OCTOBER, 9AM,
ABC KIDS AND ABC KIDS IVIEW

This Invictus Games-inspired series explores how important wellbeing is to good physical health. In this special series of *Play School – Move Your Body*, children can discover a range of physical activities that help build confidence and learn about various aids to physical movement, from wheelchairs to bikes! Children can explore all the different ways they can move their bodies. From specialised swimming, horse riding, dancing and soccer programs to a playground that caters to all age groups and abilities!



Lap of Honour

ABC + iVIEW

**INVICTUS
GAMES**
SYDNEY 2018

GIGGLE AND HOOT!

MONDAY 22ND OCTOBER, THROUGHOUT THE DAY, ABC KIDS AND ABC KIDS IVIEW

Jimmy Giggle and the Owl Pals are super excited for the Gigglus Games – the most hootastic event in the Land of Giggle and Hoot! Hootogadget is especially excited and loves helping with her big wing! When Hootogadget was a mini owl she hatched from her egg with one little wing and one big wing.

Hootogadget's little wing doesn't stop her from completing her missions, rainbow sliding, helping everyone do their 5 Steps to Bed and doing anything!

Sometimes she just does things in her own way.

The Gigglus Games include Rainbow Slide Championships, Cloud Bouncing Championships and Mini Hootball Championships. There's a hootastic small stadium where the toys sit with their flags and cheer as Giggleosaurus, Giggle Spikey, Mini-Hoot and Giggle Wings compete in the Gigglus Games. Everyone is a winner and each participant gets a hootastic prize medal. The Gigglus Games will have an epic finale with flutter cannons showering the stadium in celebration!

INTERSTITIALS

Hourly interstitials will air across ABC's main channel leading up to the competition and during the week of the Invictus Games Sydney 2018. They will comprise of profile features of competitors; explainers of the various adaptive sports; lives crosses with ABC reporters and competitors; golden moments from each day's competition; and highlights from *Invictus Games Today*.

ABC RADIO

ABC Radio will present Invictus Games-inspired content throughout the eight days of competition. ABC Capital City stations, the 47 regional bureaus and Grandstand will broadcast related stories, features and coverage. Plus, Richard Fidler will talk to Invictus Games Sydney 2018 competitors on Conversations and ABC NewsRadio will provide news bulletins and coverage across each day of competition.

ABCNEWS

ABC NEWS, the most trusted news source of local, national and world news, will present highlights and live crosses throughout the competition. People in Australia and around the world will be able to access coverage of the Invictus Games Sydney 2018 on ABC NEWS television, radio and online. The extensive coverage will include stories and broadcasts across ABC digital outlets that will preview the events, interviews with some of the competitors and their families and friends, plus ABCNEWS will showcase photo-rich features and strong personal stories right throughout the Invictus Games.

ABCNEWS Highlights include:

- Daily coverage in TV and radio bulletins and regular updates
- Live coverage each morning on ABC News Breakfast and live coverage across the day on News Channel
- 7pm News crosses live to the opening and closing ceremonies
- Daily coverage on ABC News online

IVIEW

ABC iview will be the dedicated home of all live sport competition, with informative coverage by ABC's team of specialist commentators. In unprecedented coverage, iview will exclusively stream events including athletics, road cycling, swimming, sailing, wheelchair basketball and wheelchair rugby. iview will also be the home of all video on demand with competitor profiles, the opening and closing ceremonies, the documentary *Fighting Spirit – The Wheeling Diggers Invictus Games Dream*, as well as each episode of *Invictus Games Today*.

IVIEW AND SOCIAL MEDIA LIVE STREAM SCHEDULE:

Saturday 20th October

7.30pm - 9pm, Opening Ceremony, Sydney Opera House

Sunday 21st October

9.30am – 12.30pm Road cycling time trial

11.30am – 4.50pm Sailing

1.30pm – 6pm Road cycling criterium (bike race)

Monday 22nd October

9am – 1.30pm Indoor rowing

4.30pm – 8.30pm Sitting volleyball (pool play 3)

Tuesday 23rd October

9.30am – 12pm Swimming heats

1.30pm – 6.15pm Powerlifting (session 1)

2pm – 4pm Sitting volleyball semi-finals

5.30pm – 9pm Sitting volleyball medal finals

Wednesday 24th October

9am – 12.30pm Powerlifting (session 2)

9am – 12.15pm Wheelchair rugby (pool play 1)

1.15pm – 4.25pm Wheelchair rugby (pool play 2)

1.30pm – 6.30pm Powerlifting (session 3)

5pm – 10pm Swimming finals

6.30pm – 9.40pm Wheelchair rugby (pool play 3)

Thursday 25th October

9am – 5.05pm Athletics (session 1)

2.30pm – 4.10pm Wheelchair rugby semi-finals

5.30pm – 8.55pm Wheelchair rugby celebrity match and medal finals

Friday 26th October

9am – 11.35am Wheelchair basketball (pool play 1)

10am – 3.05 pm Athletics (session 2)

1pm – 3.35pm Wheelchair basketball (pool play 2)

5pm – 9.05pm – Athletics (session 3)

5pm – 8.30pm Wheelchair basketball (pool play 3)

Saturday 27th October

9.30am – 11.40am Wheelchair basketball semi-finals

1pm – 3.40pm Wheelchair basketball medal finals

7.30pm – 9pm Closing ceremony, Sydney Olympic Park

For rolling coverage of the Invictus Games Sydney 2018 follow ABC TV + iview on Facebook, YouTube, Instagram and Twitter.

Production credits: ABC Executive Producer: Kirsty Bradmore.
Head Regional, Local Sport and Events: Kath Earle