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INTRODUCTION

The Walt Disney Company in Australia and New Zealand is thrilled to be bringing home-grown Australian Originals with familiar faces and places to the world stage that is Disney+.

At today's Local Content Announcement, we've revealed our first wave of nine Australian Originals coming to Disney+ in 2022/23, across documentaries, lifestyle, factual, and scripted drama genres. Many of these shows will further expand our adult-focused Star general entertainment offering.

The announced series are part of The Walt Disney Company's significant investment in local content and production in Australia and New Zealand.

Disney is undoubtedly the world's most creative storytelling engine. In this wave of local productions, we've fuelled up our creative processes in partnership with Australian production companies. Our storytelling and commissioning approach is unique and overlays local culture, mindset and humour – adding to the deep emotional connection that The Walt Disney Company is renowned for and that our audiences expect.

We're leveraging the talents of renowned actors, prominent directors, producers and writers – more than 100 in total, before counting the additional cast, crew, extras and other local jobs and activity we'll generate across the Australian production sector.

Our local content commissioning will showcase the best of the film and television industry in Australia and New Zealand, and their incredible storytelling. The second wave of local and loved content is taking great shape, with many more shows in various stages of development, including fabulous original concepts coming out of New Zealand. The storytelling possibilities are endless, and that excites us greatly.

Enjoy, and stay tuned.



Kylie Watson-Wheeler
Senior Vice President & Managing Director
Australia & New Zealand
The Walt Disney Company

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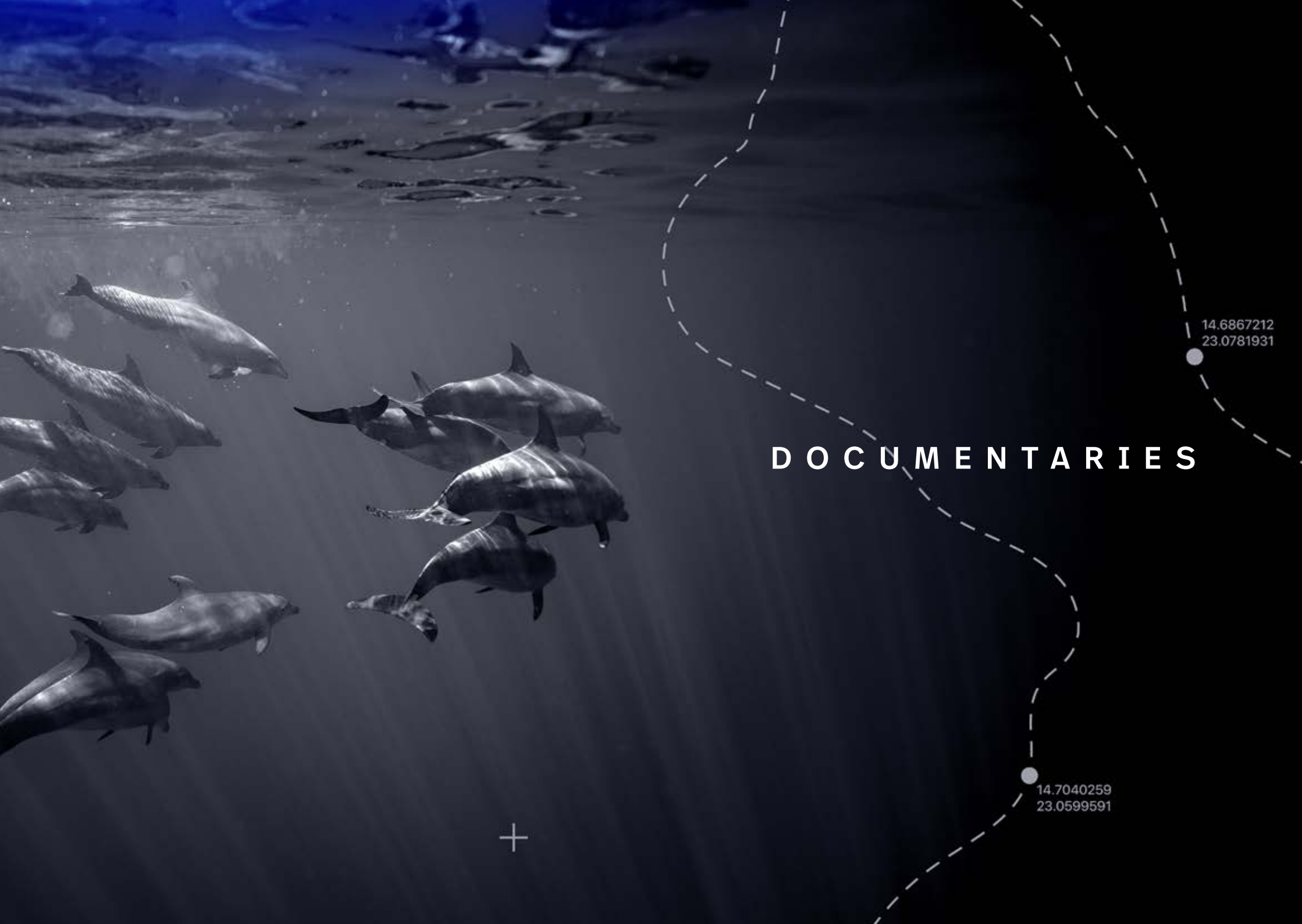
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"It's a great honour and responsibility to bring the Matildas story into homes around the globe. We are so thankful that Disney+ and Football Australia have entrusted our team to bring this inspiring story to life."

- Christopher G. Cowen

"The Matildas have broken through massive barriers for women in sport, yet their story has never properly been told. I'm thrilled that Disney+ is shining a light on this inspiring group of women whose stories are worthy of the biggest platform. On its surface, this is a classic tale about a team of female footballers preparing for the greatest tournament of their lives; but at its core, it's an intimate portrait of a sisterhood that transcends the game."

- Katie Bender Wynn

"As a documentary maker and an inquisitive football fan, it's a privilege to be given the opportunity to tell the Matildas' story in this special moment in time. The behind-the-scenes access allows us to bring this story to the world as we chart the journey of these inspiring women writing the next chapter in their story on the road to the 2023 World Cup."

- Steve Bibb

MATILDAS
THE WORLD AT OUR FEET

Photo credit: Ann Odong / Football Australia

DOCUMENTARIES

MATILDAS: THE WORLD AT OUR FEET

ABOUT

An inspiring sports documentary series tracking the rise of female footballers and them preparing for the greatest tournament of their lives. This is the Matildas on the road to the 2023 FIFA World Cup told by the players.

We cover the journey of the playing group after the Tokyo Olympics through to taking on the USA and onto the 2022 Asian Cup.

We then follow the players as they come together taking on opponents from across the globe as they strive for World Cup selection on home soil. Topics addressed include equal pay and conditions, the power of sisterhood, the next generation, the weight of expectation, resilience and the never say die spirit of this group of footballers.

LEAD TALENT

Sam Kerr
Captain

Ellie Carpenter
Defender

Mary Fowler
Forward

CREATIVES

Steve Bibb
Executive Producer

Christopher G. Cowen
Executive Producer

Katie Bender Wynn
Director

David Briegel-Jones
Series Producer

FILMING LOCATIONS

Townsville, Canberra,
Sydney, Dubai, France,
London & Sweden

WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS



"Exploring wild stories and diving into epic ocean adventures is always better when you do it with your best mates."

- Ryan Chatfield

"Shipwrecks are like a record of history frozen in time just waiting to be discovered and their stories told."

- Johnny Debnam

"It gets in your blood. The ocean is an incredible place. Always different, always keeping you guessing."

- Andre Rerekura

"I can't help but wish that the wildlife could talk to us and just tell us where these lost shipwrecks are. Wouldn't that be amazing, but it isn't that easy."

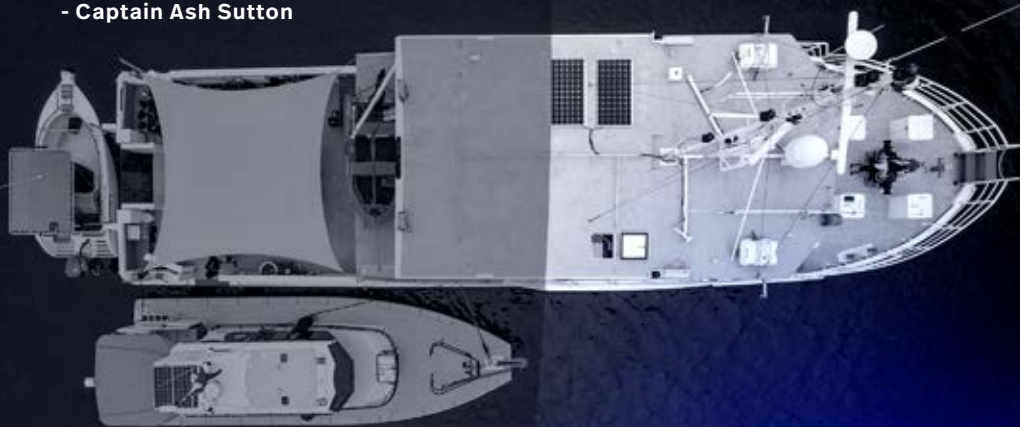
- Nush Freedman

"I just love the history and I love old ships."

- Captain Ash Sutton

"I feel like I have been living in a dream over the course of production of Shipwreck Hunters Australia. To conduct six expeditions, venturing to some of the most stunning and difficult to get to places on the planet, with an extraordinary and dedicated team, was the ultimate adventure. Bringing Shipwreck Hunters Australia to the world on Disney+ is the perfect fit. It's going to be epic!"

- Brendan Hutchens



**SHIPWRECK
HUNTERS**
AUSTRALIA

DOCUMENTARIES

SHIPWRECK HUNTERS AUSTRALIA

ABOUT

A fearless ocean adventure team dives into one of the planet's most spectacular and remote places, bringing to life epic shipwreck stories and discoveries from Australia's Treasure Coast in this premium documentary series.

LEAD TALENT

Johnny Debnam
Nush Freedman
Captain Ash Sutton
Ryan Chatfield
Andre Rerekura

CREATIVES

Steve Bibb
Executive Producer

Brendan Hutchens
Director & Producer

Katherine Barrett
Series Producer

Darren McCagh
Director of Photography

Meredith Watson Jeffrey
Editor

Noah Norton
Editor

FILMING LOCATIONS

Western Australia

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Screen Australia and Screen West with support from Western Australian Museum



CHASING WAVES

DOCUMENTARIES

CHASING WAVES

ABOUT

Chasing Waves shines a spotlight on the people and places that are defining Japan's reach in the global surf culture. This character-driven documentary series explores the soul of surfing as it follows

multicultural athletes in pursuit of their dreams, paints a captivating picture of Japanese life, and showcases what it takes to succeed in the global surf industry.

"The beauty and raw power of the ocean have always appealed to filmmakers, but Disney+ gave us the chance to explore the soul of surfing and reach beneath the surface. What we found is a group of diverse athletes each on a journey of self discovery that connects them not only to the water but their own cultural identity."

- Christopher G. Cowen

"Surfing has matured from a wanderlust pursuit into a billion dollar industry that tests world class athletes on the global stage. This cinematic subculture, often reserved to those brave enough to paddle out and chase waves, intimately reveals itself to our cameras with a breadth of passion and honesty that we are truly inspired to celebrate on the worldwide Disney+ platform."

- Jason Baffa

LEAD TALENT

Connor O'Leary
Mahina Maeda
Kanoa Igarashi
Hiroto Ohhara
Sara Kohrogi
Shino Matsuda

CREATIVES

Christopher G. Cowen
Executive Producer

Jason Baffa
Executive Producer, Director

Andrew Fried
Executive Producer

Dane Lillegard
Executive Producer

FILMING LOCATIONS

Japan, Australia, Hawaii,
California, Spain & Portugal

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BOARDWALK
— P I C T U R E S —



"Six years ago, a talented group of committed young women were chosen to start a new football league and a new chapter in the Australian sporting landscape. Now, Disney+ and the Australian Football League have given us the privilege to tell the extraordinary stories of their dreams, struggles and ultimate triumphs. It is always magical and a true honour to be invited into the inner sanctum but none of us could have dared hope for the rich rewards of this documentary. Following four teams over an entire season, we know everyone will be captivated by our footballers' dedication, bravery, humour and raw emotions. Thank you again for letting us bring you this inspiring journey."

- Anne-Maree Sparkman

FEARLESS
THE INSIDE STORY OF THE AFLW

DOCUMENTARIES

FEARLESS: THE INSIDE STORY OF THE AFLW

ABOUT

An authentic emotion-based sports documentary focused on diversity. This is a genuine insight behind the scenes of Australia's newest code: The AFLW league. This is not just about the wins and losses in football, this is how women's football has changed the sporting and societal

psyche of Australia. The behind-the-scenes camera and post-production crew will be led predominately by a team of authentic, female storytellers.

LEAD TALENT

AFLW Football Clubs

Adelaide
Collingwood
Greater Western Sydney
Western Bulldogs

CREATIVES

Anne-Maree Sparkman
Executive Producer

Michael Venables
Director

Becky Taylor
Series Producer

FILMING LOCATIONS

Adelaide, Melbourne,
Brisbane & Sydney

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A black and white photograph of a woman with long hair tied in a ponytail, looking off to the side with a slight smile. She is in a kitchen setting, with a bouquet of flowers and a wooden chair visible in the background. The image is overlaid with white line art of kitchen tools: a spoon in the top left, a whisk in the bottom left, and a spatula in the top right. A large circle on the right side contains the text "LIFESTYLE & FACTUAL".

LIFESTYLE
& FACTUAL



"I'm a grown man who still loves playing with toys and who loves the imagination and creativity of Pixar Studios. Therefore it seemed like a no-brainer to me to create a new television format that incorporates the very best of those two worlds. It's also immensely exciting to know that it will be existing on Disney+ alongside many of my favourite shows and films. I can't wait to get into the studio and discover what our contestants come up with."

- Rove McManus



LIFESTYLE & FACTUAL

WHAT'S YOUR TOY STORY?

ABOUT

Teams of kids and grown ups show off their skills at creativity, innovation and storytelling as they bring their own toy stories to life. Celebrating the magic of play, *What's Your Toy Story?* showcases the wild and wonderful places that the imagination of children can go to. This original competition format rewards teamwork and encourages imagination and playfulness in kids and adults alike. Hosted by TV legend Rove McManus, it will boast an epic, Pixar-inspired set and embrace everything the world loves about this iconic franchise.

LEAD TALENT

Rove McManus

CREATIVES

Rove McManus
Executive Producer

Kevin Whyte
Executive Producer

Jon Casimir
Executive Producer

FILMING LOCATIONS

To be announced

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donna hay
christmas

"Christmas is my favourite time of year, and being able to work with Donna and Disney+ to show the world our uniquely Australian take on it has been an absolute joy."

– Benjamin Jones

"Bringing to life my favourite Christmas recipes and styling ideas has been on my wish list for years. It's been truly magical to partner with Disney+, their support and trust in me is what has made this series something truly special."

– Donna Hay

LIFESTYLE & FACTUAL

DONNA HAY CHRISTMAS

ABOUT

This series follows Australian icon Donna Hay as she creates and celebrates a beautiful and unique Australian Christmas. The series showcases Donna's signature cooking style and clever styling shortcuts, full of genius tips and tricks to make your festive season memorable.

Each episode celebrates the best that the festive season has to offer, set against the stunning backdrop of an iconic Australian landscape.

LEAD TALENT

Donna Hay

CREATIVES

Donna Hay
Executive Producer

Benjamin Jones
Director

FILMING LOCATIONS

Avalon, New South Wales

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donna hay
productions

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CH1
CH2

"When we read JP Pomare's novel we instantly knew it would make a brilliant TV adaptation. Set amidst the eerie wilds of Lake Eildon, *The Clearing* is a haunting psychological thriller about a cult that burrows under the skin and into the mind – wreaking psychological havoc by blurring the lines between past and present, reality and nightmare. In order to survive, our heroine must navigate the dark fairy-tale maze of her past, freeing herself from generational trauma to ultimately find redemption. We are delighted to be working with the incredible team at Wooden Horse, Disney+, directors Jeffrey Walker and Gracie Otto, along with a stellar cast, to bring this gripping and powerful story to life."

- Matt Cameron & Elise McCredie

"We are thrilled to be working with an incredible creative team to bring this adaptation of JP Pomare's gripping novel *In The Clearing*, to screen. Co-creators Matt Cameron and Elise McCredie have crafted a riveting story that in the hands of directors Jeffrey Walker and Gracie Otto, will captivate audiences. We are so grateful to our partners at Disney+ for supporting us to realise the scale of this show which has attracted some of Australia's finest talent on and off screen."

- Jude Troy

THE CLEARING



SCRIPTED

THE CLEARING

ABOUT

A woman is forced to confront the nightmares of her past in order to stop a secret cult intent on gathering children to fulfil its master plan. An event series adapted for the screen, *The Clearing* is based on the novel by JP Pomare and

inspired by the real-life Australian cult The Family and its founder Anne Hamilton-Byrne, one of the rare female cult leaders in history.

LEAD TALENT

Teresa Palmer
Miranda Otto
Guy Pearce
Hazem Shammas
Mark Coles-Smith
Tom Budge
Erroll Shand
Lily La Torre

CREATIVES

Matt Cameron
Co-Creator & Co-Writer

Elise McCredie
Co-Creator & Co-Writer

Jeffrey Walker
Director

Gracie Otto
Director

Jude Troy
Producer

Osamah Sami
Co-Writer

FILMING LOCATIONS

Rural Victoria
& Melbourne

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WOODEN
HORSE.

In Association with
Egeria



"Sharp, authentic and brimming with wit and verve – The Artful Dodger is a world first: a high-end Australian period drama featuring two of the world's most iconic crooks in a new Land Of Opportunity... It's pure fun and escapism guaranteed to leave you wanting more!"

- David Maher & David Taylor

**THE
ARTFUL
DODGER**

SCRIPTED

THE ARTFUL DODGER

ABOUT

From high-octane heists to life-and-death surgeries, from glittering parties to the violent streets, *The Artful Dodger* is a fast-moving tale of ambition, redemption,

betrayal, and love featuring Dickens' most famous prince of thieves – causing havoc in the colonies ten years on from the events of *Oliver Twist*.

LEAD TALENT

To be announced

CREATIVES

David Maher
Co-Creator, Executive Producer

David Taylor
Co-Creator, Executive Producer

James McNamara
Writer, Co-Creator,
Co-Executive Producer

Andrew Knight
Writer, Co-Executive Producer

Jeffrey Walker
Co-Executive Producer, Director

Vivienne Walshe
Writer

Miranda Tapsell
Writer

FILMING LOCATIONS

Scoping locations in
New South Wales & Victoria

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Co-Production with

SONY

curio
PICTURES

**BEACH
ROAD**



LAST DAYS OF THE SPACE AGE

"Last Days of the Space Age is a world and story that has been dear to me for a long time. To finally have the opportunity to bring it to life with Disney+ and our wonderful, diverse and passionate team is the privilege of a lifetime. It's a huge thrill to know that Disney+ will share these Australian stories with the world."

- David Chidlow

"Last Days of the Space Age is set in an extraordinary time and place in Australia's history where cultural, social and political change was creating the tapestry of Australia today. We couldn't be more thrilled and proud to be working alongside the Disney+ Australia team to bring audiences this special story and some of the most compelling characters we've ever met."

- Emma Fitzsimons

SCRIPTED

LAST DAYS OF THE SPACE AGE

ABOUT

A dramedy series set in Perth, Australia in 1979, when Perth was at the centre of the world's headlines as it hosted the iconic Miss Universe pageant, and the US space station Skylab crashed just beyond the city's suburbs. More locally, an ongoing power strike threatens to plunge the region into darkness just as it was stepping onto the world stage.

Against this backdrop three fictional families, in the coastal suburb of Scarborough, find themselves at a crossroads as social and political events test their marriages, families, and alliances.

LEAD TALENT

Jesse Spencer
Radha Mitchell
Deborah Mailman
Linh-Dan Pham

CREATIVES

David Chidlow
Creator & Writer

Christine Pham
Series Producer

Bharat Nalluri
Director

Alice Addison
Writer

Laura Waters
Executive Producer

Dot West
Writer

FILMING LOCATIONS

Sydney & Perth

Emma Fitzsimons
Executive Producer

Jeremy Nguyen
& Alan Nguyen
Writers

Chris Loveall
Executive Producer

Stephanie Swedlove
Executive Producer

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princess
pictures

PRODUCTION COMPANIES





Disney+