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TELEVISION

BIG STEPS AS NITV TURNS TWO

Heaps more blackfellas
on our TV screens

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS TELEVISION (NITV) GEARS UP THIS MONTH WITH NEW PROGRAMMING TO CELEBRATE ITS SECOND ANNIVERSARY.

It's hard to believe that it is two years ago, during NAIDOC Week 2007, that NITV launched into our living rooms.

Since NITV's start up, the channel has provided a steady diet of documentaries, movies and sport, but it was always the plan to broaden the content.

"I am so very proud of our achievements over the last two years, which includes over 1000 hours of commissioned local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander content," says NITV CEO Patricia Turner.

"I look forward to a bright new future for NITV, as we look to expanding our channel and taking our rightful place alongside the five free-to-air networks."

Among the new programs debuting this month are shows for country music fans, Indigenous arts followers and game shows. Here's a rundown of the great new viewing this month:

Black Tracks – Fridays @ 10pm AEST

An exciting travel show with an Indigenous perspective, from Melbourne to Alice Springs to Badu Island in the Torres Strait and places in between.

Milli Milli Nganka – Fridays @ 9pm AEST

Written and directed by Mitch Torres, *Milli Milli Nganka* is a magazine-style series that features the picturesque Top End of Australia. The area is home to many Indigenous mobs, some with shared histories and some with totally different experiences, all with a story to tell.

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Grounded Exposed – Tuesdays @ 11pm AEST

The popular interview profile program *Grounded* aimed at teens gets all grown-up, and focuses on the serious side of Indigenous youth affairs.

Letterbox Pro – @ 7.30pm AEST

Letterbox Pro is the adult version of the popular new kids' program, *Letterbox*. It's fun, fast and humorous as Indigenous community leaders and decision makers battle it out to determine who is the best at word games, spelling and grammar.

Culture Warriors – Sundays @ 7.30pm AEST

Hosted and curated by Indigenous artist and curator Brenda Croft, this nine-part series demonstrates the incredible success and diversity of Indigenous arts practice by featuring the work of 27 world-renowned Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists drawn from every state and territory.

Lightning Cup – Sundays @ 8am

AFL fans get ready as NITV presents the full carnival of the Lightning Cup in Alice Springs.

Intunes – Wednesdays @ 9.30pm AEST

Filed at the famed Tamworth Country Music Festival, it features music and interviews with Troy Cassar-Daley, Buddy Knox, Adam Harvey, Liyarn Ngarn, Feral Swing Katz, the McClymonts, Adam James and Young Guns.

NITV is broadcast free-to-air in various metropolitan and regional areas nationally, as well as via Channel 180 on Foxtel, Austar and Optus. Go to the website for full tune-in details, www.nitv.org.au

National Indigenous Television (NITV) has been screening for two years. NITV provides an alternative television channel which features documentaries, movies and sport with an Indigenous focus.

NITV televises free-to-air in various metropolitan and regional areas across Australia, and on Channel 180 on pay tv.



ACTIVITY 1: UNDERSTANDING WHAT YOU READ

Read *Television* on page 10
Shade one bubble.

1. According to this report, NITV has been operating for

- one year
- two years
- 1000 hours
- since 2005

2. Why is it important for television stations like NITV to operate?

- It televises NAIDOC Week each year.
- It shows documentaries.
- It provides much more Indigenous content than other television stations.
- It televises lots of music programs.

3. Which program is shown at 7:30pm on Sundays?

- Black Tracks
- Culture Warriors
- Lightning Cup
- Milli Milli Nganka

4. Among the new programs debuting this month is *Intunes* on Wednesday night.

In this sentence, *debuting* means

- this is a repeat of the program.
- this is the second series of *Intunes*.
- this is the first time the program will be shown.
- this program will be shown every Wednesday.

5. It was two years ago that NITV “launched into our living rooms.”

This means

- NITV was made for family viewers.
- NITV started screening two years ago.
- NITV was thrown into every living room.
- NITV is mostly for children.



6. "Launched into our living rooms" is an example of

- colloquial language
- metaphorical language
- technical language
- television terminology

7. What is the purpose of including the program summaries in this report?

- to help celebrate two years of NITV
- to list all the programs you can watch on NITV
- to tell you about the new programs coming to NITV
- to criticise the old programs on NITV

ACTIVITY 2: LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

Spelling

The spelling mistakes have been circled.

Write the correct spelling for each circled word in the box.

1. NITV has new programing this month.

2. NITV was lorunched in 2007.

3. NITV has some great acheevments over the last two years.

4. Indigenous art folowers will love NITV's new programs.

5. They're is some great viewing this month.



ACTIVITY 3: LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?
Shade one bubble.

1. ***** a rundown of some great viewing.

- Heres
- Here'is
- Here's
- Here was

2. The past two years has ***** over 1000 hours of local Indigenous content.

- included
- include
- includes
- including

3. Among the new programs ***** shows for country music fans.

- is
- was
- were
- are

4. Where does the missing comma go in this sentence?

Since NITV started the channel has provided lost of documentaries.

5. Which word correctly completes the sentence?

going to watch NITV tonight?

Who's Whose Whom Which



ACTIVITY 4 WRITING A REVIEW.

The purpose of a review is to describe a text and make a judgement about it. The common Stages and phases of an effective review include:

STAGES	PHASES
Context	This tells the reader the type of text you are reviewing and outlines the positives and negatives of the text.
Description	Describes aspects of the text.
Evaluation	Makes a judgement about the text.

Here's an example of a film Review.

“Cinderella Man” (2005)

Starring Russell Crowe as Jim Braddock, Renée Zellweger as Mae Braddock, Craig Bierko as Max Baer, Paul Giamatti, Paddy Considine, Bruce McGill.

Set against the backdrop of America's Great Depression, Braddock's rollercoaster ride from success to abject poverty and back again is an extraordinary and inspirational story. It's one that's guaranteed to stir emotions.

Directed by Ron Howard, “Cinderella Man” boasts another powerful performance from Russell Crowe as Braddock.

“Cinderella Man” focuses on the period from 1928 to 1935, beginning with Braddock as a successful fighter living in a nice house and blissfully married to Mae (Renee Zellweger). After breaking his hand, his fortunes spiral downhill rapidly. The next we see of him, it's 1933 and he's living in a slum with Mae and their three young kids. He's reduced to casual work at the docks and the occasional fight until finally his boxing license is revoked following a pitiful performance.

However, against the odds, Braddock launches a comeback that leads him on a path to a title shot against the overwhelming favourite, the lethal Max Baer (Craig Bierko).

There are few actors who immerse themselves so completely in their roles as Crowe. His performance in this film is worthy of praise.

3 stars



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Write a review of your favourite television show, book, film or video game.

Think about:

- What you liked about the text.
- Some examples from the text to explain your ideas.

Remember to:

- Plan and draft your review before you edit.
- Write in sentences.
- Pay attention to the words you choose, your spelling and punctuation.
- Check and edit your writing when you have finished.

