

## Secret Star - 2001

The hit series *The Secret Life of Us* premiered on Channel 10, and introduced mainstream audiences to Deborah Mailman, who played leading character Kelly. Deborah went on to win a Silver Logie for Most Outstanding Actress for her role.

## News Flash - 2003

*Living Black*, Australia's only Indigenous news and current affairs program, began on SBS. Hosted by Karla Grant, who is also the executive producer of the show, *Living Black* is now screening in prime time.

## Blacks on Tracks - 2004

*BLAKTRAX*, a five-part series focusing on Indigenous musicians, screened on SBS. Profiles on Shakaya, Local Knowledge, Ursula Yovich, Fitzroy Xpress and Emma Donovan gave audiences an insight into contemporary Indigenous music, but also gave a special insight into the broader Aboriginal community experience.

## Idolmania - 2004

The amazing voice of Casey Donovan soared into Australia's living rooms in 2004, as the young star sung her way to the Grand Final of *Australian Idol*, ultimately winning the competition.

## That's Deadly! 2004

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music, sport, entertainment and community awards – the Deadlys – were broadcast nationally on SBS for the first

## Red Centre - 2005

Luke Carroll lit up our screens once again in 2005, playing the cheeky Michael in Channel Nine's *The Alice*. Deborah Mailman also appeared in the series, which originally began as a telemovie.

## On the Road - 2006

*Going Bush*, the enchanting travel series featuring Cathy Freeman and Deborah Mailman appeared on SBS.

## Island Life - 2006

The beauty of the Torres Strait was brought into our homes with the acclaimed mini-series *Remote Area Nurse*. Starring a host of Indigenous actors, including Luke Carroll, newcomer Aaron Fa'aoso, Charles Passi and Margaret Harvey, *Remote Area Nurse* was both entertaining and insightful.

## What's cooking? 2006

Indigenous chef Mark Olive brought Indigenous cuisine to our screens in 2006 with the Lifestyle Channel's groundbreaking program *The Outback Café*. Mixing contemporary cuisine with traditional ingredients, Mark also offered a special insight into the diversity of Australian Indigenous cultures.

## Pati Power - 2007

This year a young Torres Strait Islander woman touched all our hearts in the reality series *The Biggest Loser*. Pati Singe's amazing transformation has inspired many Australians of all backgrounds to take up the challenge and make a change for the better in our diet and lifestyle.





## PREPARATION BEFORE READING

This timeline highlights the television programs that Indigenous actors have been involved in from 2001 - 2007.

### ACTIVITY 1: READ TUNE IN- BLACK OUT PAGE 7

Skimming for main ideas

1. In which year were the Deadlys broadcast nationally on SBS for the first time?

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2. Look at the heading Red Centre – 2005.

(i) Which character did Luke Carroll play in The Alice?

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(ii) Who also appeared in the series?

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3. Which program is featured under the heading On the Road – 2006?

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## ACTIVITY 2: SCANNING FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION

1. Look at the heading News Flash – 2003.

Which news and current affairs program started on SBS in 2003?

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2. Who hosts this program?

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3. What other role does she have on the program?

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4. Living Black is Australia's only Indigenous news and current affairs program.

TRUE

FALSE

5. Living Black screens mid-morning.

TRUE

FALSE





### ACTIVITY 4:

Below is some writing about The Outback Café. Some words have been left out. Choose the best option to fill in each gap. Colour in the bubble to show your answer.

#### What's Cooking? 2006

Indigenous \_\_\_\_\_ Mark Olive

chief     chef

brought Indigenous cuisine \_\_\_\_\_

to     at

our \_\_\_\_\_ in 2006.

screens     screens

### ACTIVITY 5: WRITING

Here is the opening of Doris Pilkington Garimara's narrative *Home to Mother* which describes the setting. Read this passage.

It was winter in the Western Desert region. For the families of the small Aboriginal community of Jigalong it was the time to set out on their bush picnics. They would walk far into the bush with the azure sky above and their feet firmly on red earth covered in clumps of green grass and purple, white and mauve mulla mulla flowers.

There seemed to be no other sounds but the soft breeze blowing through the leaves and the calls of songbirds.

(University of Queensland Press, 2006)

#### Write a description of your favourite setting.

- Use descriptive words and phrases to make your description come to life for the reader.
- Write in sentences.
- Pay attention to spelling and punctuation.

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