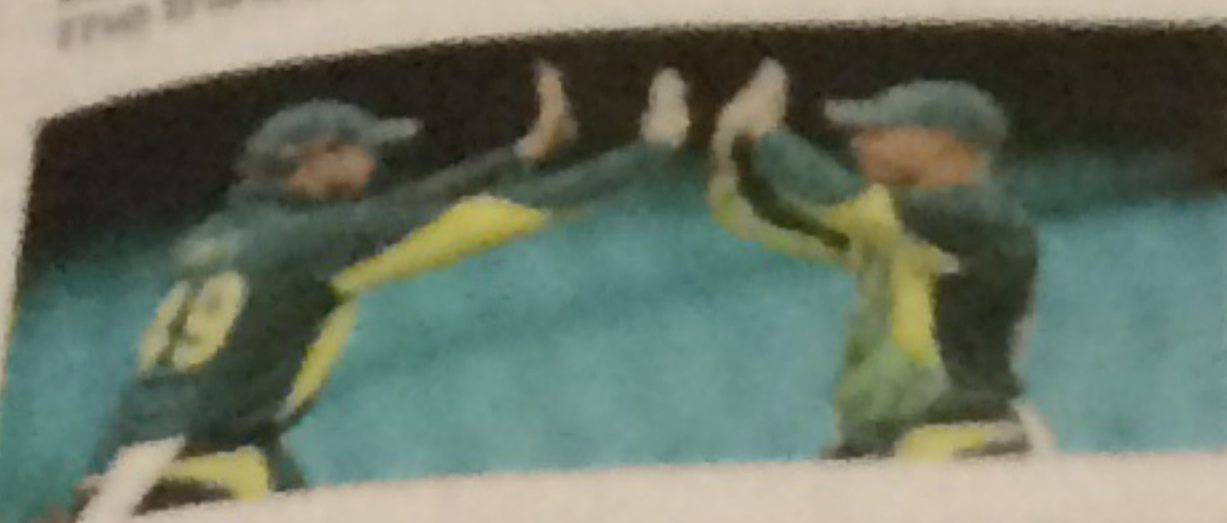


**SPORT: CRICKET**

7.30pm, Nine

It's been a busy old season. Apart from the day-night Test between Australia and New Zealand, the international matches have come and gone with much interest. Instead, the focus has been on the home series with the Big Bash. Whether that's a sign of things to come or a blip due to unfortunate scheduling remains to be seen. Meanwhile, the ODI's are under way between two pretty evenly matched teams. Australia and India. The third contest gets under way today from the MCG.



**MOTORWAY PATROL**

7.30pm, Seven

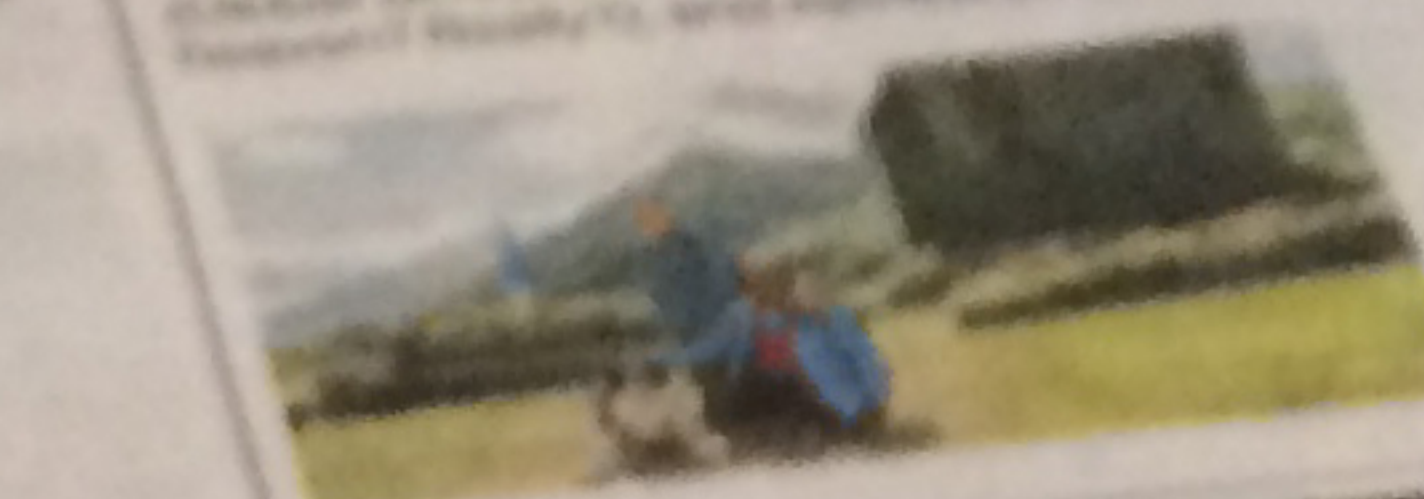
I want to thank to New Zealand. Surely it's the only show on Earth that only one comedy writer (Michael Salsbery) produces. And yet, there's a steady stream of quality material. When one of the stars (Paul Hester) writes a script, it's a sure thing that it's off the edge of it. He's written more in less than a year. Highlights include the surreal (and) protest in the country of Bolivia. And a duck.



**ROCKET'S ISLAND**

8.30pm, ABC3

Wholesome message, though high price and glibly funny. While the original comedy to be a bit about young people's antics, it's a bit about the world with a message. The original 'Rocket's Island' (1979) was a bit about the world with a message. The original 'Rocket's Island' (1979) was a bit about the world with a message.



**9.00pm**  
**9.00pm** Weekend Breakfast  
**9.10pm** Making Australia Great Inside Our  
**9.30pm** Australia Wide

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**5.30pm** Nrk World English News  
**6.45pm** France 24 Feature  
**6.00pm** France 24  
**6.30pm** Deutsche Welle  
**7.00pm** Al Jazeera English  
**7.30pm** German News  
**10.30pm** Arabic News  
**11.00pm** Spanish News  
**12.00pm** The News  
**12.30pm** Turkish News  
**4.00pm** Speechweek  
**4.00pm** Rally

**6.00pm** Doc McStuffins  
**6.30pm** Miss From Tomorrowland  
**7.00pm** Weekend Sunrise  
**10.00pm** The Morning Show - Weekend  
**11.00pm** The Dream of Jeanette  
**11.30pm** The World's Strictest Parents  
**1.30pm** The Amazing Race  
**2.30pm** Better Homes and Gardens  
**4.30pm** The Long Weekend  
**5.00pm** Seven News  
**6.30pm** Highway Patrol

**8.30pm** Weekly Impact  
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**10.00pm** MyFoot TV  
**10.30pm** World Surf League  
**11.30pm** Endangered  
**12.30pm** The Wild Life of Ted Fausch  
**1.00pm** The Middle  
**1.30pm** One Day Series - Australia v India  
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★	poor
★★	average
★★★	good
★★★★	very good
★★★★★	excellent

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PICK OF THE WEEK

**THE WIZARDS OF AUS**  
 New series ★★☆☆☆  
 Tues-THurs, 8.30pm, SBS2

**M**onsters. Dragons. Magicians. And gore. So much gore. All crowded into something that looks suspiciously like Koyal Castle. At first it's not at all clear where this new Australian comedy series is going, apart from somewhere ridiculous. But after the rather wonderful, minimalistic opening credits (possibly most amusing to fans of *Game of Thrones* who are also denizens of Melbourne) *Wizards of Aus* gets to the point.

Jack the Wizard is sick of life in Wizard Land (not its actual name) – sick of the monsters and dragons and gore and the generally poor decision-making of his fellow citizens – so decides to emigrate to the most normal and un-Wizardy place he can think of: the western suburbs of Melbourne.

This bizarre mash-up is the brainchild of Michael Shanks, who made his name creating special-

effects-laden comic videos for YouTube (*Star Wars: Episode VII, the George Lucas Edition* is the best known). There are plenty of excellent low-budget special effects here, too (if, say, you're a *Sharknado* fan you'll know what to expect) but mostly this is an extremely silly adventure which uses that broad narrative framework to string together a series of loosely connected sketches, an allegory about Australian-style xenophobia, loads of puns, loads of geeky jokes referencing everything from Harry Potter to Rick and Morty, and a few complete non-sequiturs. Just for fun.

As you might expect, it's all a bit chaotic and a bit hit 'n' miss but there is undeniable charm about Jack (played by Shanks) and his adventures. Charm enough to attract a slew of big-name guests including Guy Pearce as an obnoxious talk-show host, Mark Mitchell as an obnoxious right-wing politician, Bruce Spence as Jack's obnoxious and long-dead father. And Samuel Johnson as a shark.

If you're equally open to medieval fantasy and absurdist comedy, this is definitely for you.

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