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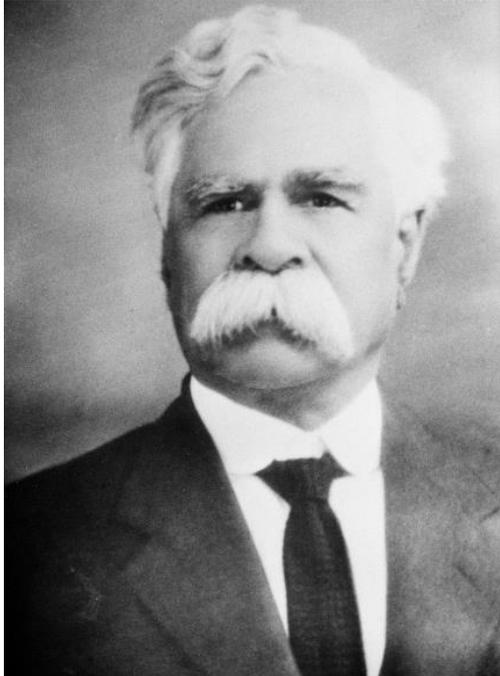
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documentary series



First Australians

****SBS Commission****

Sunday, 17 May at 7.35pm on NITV (7 Parts)

First Australians chronicles the birth of contemporary Australia as never told before - from the perspective of its first people. *First Australians* explores what unfolds when the oldest living culture in the world is overrun by the world's greatest empire.

The story begins in 1788 in Sydney with the friendship between **Englishman Governor Philip** and a warrior named **Bennelong** and ends in 1993 with **Kolki Mabo's** legal challenge to the foundation of Australia's *First Australians* chronicles the collision of two worlds and the genesis of a new nation.

Series One, Episode Six: A Fair Deal For A Black Race

Across Australia, the *First Australians* were governed by 'protective legislation' which binds them to reserves, controls their wages, residency, ability to marry and travel. In 1933, Yorta Yorta man **William Cooper** formed the Australian Aborigines League to continue his life-long campaign for equality. This built the foundations of a campaign that would eventually lead to a mass political movement that helped win constitutional rights for Aboriginal people in 1967.

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documentary



The Rape Of Recy Taylor **Sunday, 17 May at 8.30pm on NITV**

In 1944, the rate of women being raped in Jim Crow South, Alabama was staggering. In danger of their lives, many of the women did not report the crimes and their stories were hidden.

Recy Taylor was 24 years old when she was raped by a group of six men. Unbroken and not allowing herself to be silenced, she spoke up and with the help of **Rosa Parks**, they rallied a group of women who all worked together to get justice for Taylor.

With testimonials from Recy Taylor's family, *The Rape Of Recy Taylor* is an important story that sheds light on the racial issues that surface throughout this uphill battle for justice in a skewed and bigoted legal system.

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documentary series



Living Black

NITV Production

Monday, 18 May at 8.30pm on NITV

Prolific journalist and presenter **Karla Grant** sits down with amazing people across the country to take a deeper dive into issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. *Living Black* provides a personal insight into the world of some of Australia's most influential and inspiring Indigenous Australians

Season 2020, Episode One: Bryan Stevenson

The rates of incarceration of black males in Australia and the United States are sobering reading. With 1 in 3 males likely to end up behind bars, *Living Black's* Karla Grant travels to the city of Montgomery in the United States southern state of Alabama to speak with American lawyer and social justice campaigner **Bryan Stevenson**. In this in-depth discussion Karla asks what needs to be done to lower these sobering statistics and hears how Bryan is saving men from the electric chair.

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comedy



Wellington Paranormal

Tuesday, 19 May at 7.30pm on NITV (7 Parts)

There are some crimes that normal cops can't investigate... Officers Minogue and O'Leary are invited to join the new Wellington Paranormal Unit of Police. This hapless duo investigate demons, an alien invasion on a farm, meet a werewolf out for revenge on her ex, resolve noise complaints at haunted houses full of ghosts and many other supernatural encounters along the way.

Wellington Paranormal looks like a typical police reality show, but with X-Files style paranormal events that create the crimes that this squad goes out to investigate. The series was directed, produced and script-edited by comedy legend **Jemaine Clement** with help of director **Jackie Van Beek** and executive produced by **Taika Waititi**.

Series One, Episode Five: A Normal Night

The crew follow Minogue and O'Leary on a typical night when they encounter a series of incidents including a plastic bag mistaken for a ghost, a creepy clown, some sort of ritual sacrifice, a pair of goths and a theft from the hospital blood bank where the blood bank officer turns out to be a vampire.

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comedy



Black Comedy

Tuesday, 19 May 8.00pm on NITV (6 Parts)

Written by and starring some of the funniest and most talented Indigenous performers in the country, *Black Comedy* 'goes blackly where no other blackfella has gone before' using an array of talented Indigenous and non-Indigenous performers to explore what it means to be Indigenous in contemporary Australia.

Featuring an ensemble of Indigenous writers/performers including **Adam Briggs, Nakkiah Lui, Steven Oliver, Ian Zaro, Aaron Fa'Aoso** and **Elizabeth Wymarra**. As well as appearances from many special guests in different episodes across the season. *Black Comedy* is the best sketch comedy show for not just blackfellas but for everyone.

Series One, Episode One:

This episode introduces a whole raft of characters, including the Tiddas, Townsville's most competitive and over the top gay blackfellas, Mavis Kelly the mean-mouthed cleaning woman and her long suffering but ever silent co-worker, and the Adlays, a couple of middle aged pig-Latin speaking 'gangsters' who are still hanging out on the same street corner they were hanging out on when they were kids. We also get to meet Lillian, a young woman ready and willing to find a racial slur in every conversation or minor interaction, and the most traditional 'traditional man' of all time.

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news and current affairs



The Point

NITV Production ****LIVE**** ****New Episode****

Wednesday, 20 May at 8.30pm on NITV

NITV's weekly flagship news and current affairs program *The Point* hosted by **Rachael Hocking** and **John Paul Janke** are endeavouring to get the messages that matter most to communities across Australia during the global pandemic.

The Point will also continue to tackle the stories and issues impacting First Nations Australians today, across topics such as social media, the arts, science, technology and music. Each week, key commentators and high-profile personalities join Rachael and J.P to help discuss these issues. A network of NITV journalists and correspondents from across the country also contribute, including **Karla Grant, Natalie Ahmat, Ryan Liddle, Rae Johnston, Shahni Wellington, Douglas Smith, Madeline Hayman-Reber, Keira Jenkins** and **Rangi Hirini**.

Series 2020, Episode Thirteen:

The Point examines the impact of COVID-19 to our national sporting codes as well as state and local competitions and the knock-on affect for our physical and mental health. Journalist **Douglas Smith** checks in on our mob preparing to head overseas for the 2021 Olympics. **Shahni Wellington** finds out the plans for the 50th annual Koori Knockout from the reigning champions, the South Coast Black Cockatoos.

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documentary series



My Maori Midwife

****New Double Episode****

Thursday, 21 May at 7.30pm on NITV

My Māori Midwife is a documentary series following Māori midwives who work tirelessly caring for families and bringing new life into the world. They aim to empower women to be in control of their bodies and their births, all while offering traditional cultural practices to assist them on one of the most life changing and significant experiences of their lives. This series offers a rare insight into the world of Māori, where not only the physical is considered, but the emotional and the spiritual.

Series One, Episode Three:

Nicole Pihema is a midwife who is passionate about caring for her people. In her care is first time mother Candice, who has a sense of humour, but is having difficulty pushing her baby out.

Episode Four:

A new birthing unit opens in South Auckland and midwife, Waimarie, cares for a young woman, Bailey, who wants a natural, normal birth.

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drama series



Superstition

****New Episode****

Thursday, 21 May at 8.45pm on NITV (12 Parts)

Starring **Mario Van Peebles** (*Bloodline*), **Robinne Lee** (*Fifty Shades Darker*), **Brad James** (*Prisoners*), **W. Earl Brown** (*True Detective*), **Demetria McKinney** (*House of Payne*) and **Tatiana Zappardino** (*Remnant 13*), brand new drama series *Superstition* revolves around the Hastings family who have owned the only funeral home and graveyard in La Rochelle for as long as anyone can recall.

In addition to providing services for all faiths, the family specialty is handling 'afterlife care' for the unexplained deaths of folks at the hands of demonic infernals, and other unworldly phenomena that have long haunted the town.

Over the years, the Hastings have developed a skill set in the dark arts to help combat this regular 'infernal problem' of La Rochelle. The family uses arcane weaponry, brute strength, mystical alchemy skills, and a deep knowledge of the occult and ancient lore from around the world to quell the evil within the shadows of the town.

Series One, Episode Six: Echoes Of My Mind

The Dredge captures Calvin and tries to torture him into releasing the evil demons imprisoned in his ring.

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movie



Get On Up

Thursday, 21 May at 9.35pm on NITV

Get On Up is about the life of **James Brown**. The film follows his story from his turbulent childhood, through to his defiant and persistent career where he pushed new limits and created new possibilities in the world of show business. Along the way, Brown was also a peacemaker who redefined the African-American community's feeling of self-worth when it was needed most. His domineering passions would also lead him down some troubled roads. This film takes a deep dive into his life and career as he overcame hurdles and became the Soul icon that he is remembered for today.

Directed by **Tate Taylor**, the film stars an ensemble cast featuring **Chadwick Boseman** as Brown, **Nelsan Ellis** as **Bobby Byrd**, **Dan Akyroyd** as **Ben Bart**, **Viola Davis** as **Susie Brown**, **Craig Robinson** as **Maceo Parker** and **Octavia Spencer** as **Aunt Honey**.

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documentary



Mr Dynamite: The Rise Of James Brown **Saturday, 23 May at 8.35pm on NITV**

Mr. Dynamite: The Rise of James Brown chronicles the musical ascension of the 'hardest working man in show business' who forever changed the face of American music, **James Brown**. The documentary was made with the unique cooperation of the Brown Estate, featuring rare and never-before seen archival footage and photographs along with current interviews.

In addition to extensive historical footage, including archival interviews with Brown himself, *Mr. Dynamite: The Rise of James Brown* includes modern-day interviews with **Mick Jagger**, who remembers first seeing Brown perform from the balcony of the Apollo Theatre.

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