



## The Spoiler

For Those Who Have Lost The Plot

### Neighbours

- 6.30pm. Weeknights. Channel 10.
- Monday, March 15.** Donna and Summer form an unlikely alliance to investigate Mia; Harry realises he has no hope in the battle for Summer; and Rebecca worries she and Paul have lost their spark.
- Tuesday, March 16.** Zeke's walking into a trap. Will Mia's plan work? Steph struggles to hide her pregnancy.
- Wednesday, March 17.** When Steph and Lucas are accidentally locked in the garage, Lucas challenges Steph to say she doesn't love him; and to repay Donna, Zeke instigates a search for her father.
- Thursday, March 18.** Harry plays dirty in an effort to beat Andrew; Steph and Toadie are forced to escalate their lie.
- Friday, March 19.** Tension between Andrew and Declan threatens to tear the Robinson house apart; and Harry is gutted when Summer sees him only as a friend.

### Home and Away

- 7.00pm. Weeknights. Channel 7.
- Monday, March 15.** Charlie decides to get counselling. Martha tries to re-establish her friendship with Liam. Leah and Elijah get locked in a caravan together.
- Tuesday, March 16.** Romeo auditions for the school play with Annie. Nicole's exciting internship so far involves getting coffee. Leah finds out that Elijah knows she has feelings for him.
- Wednesday, March 17.** Annie and Romeo both get the leads in the school play. With his divorce now finalised, John asks Gina out. Liam decides to move out of the Farm House.
- Thursday, March 18.** Xavier tells John to stay away from his mum. Miles tells Leah that Elijah likes her too. Nicole is even more disappointed in her internship.
- Friday, March 19.** Xavier asks Martha if he can come and live at the farm. Charlie hides her therapy sessions from Angelo. And a surprise visitor arrives in Summer Bay.

### The Bill

- 8.30pm. Saturday, March 20. ABC-1.
- Sixteen-year-old Janine Clark (Fiona Ryan) tells DC Terry Perkins (Bruce Byron) she was raped by her boyfriend Mark Watts (Gregory Foreman) and three of his friends.
- DI Neil Manson (Andrew Lancel) assigns DCs Grace Dasari (Amita Dhiri) and Jacob Banks (Patrick Robinson) to interview the suspects, but Superintendent Jack Meadows (Simon Rouse) insists that DC Jo Masters (Sally Rogers) be the female officer involved, and Manson is taken aback.
- The boys claim that Janine initiated the encounter, but she tells police Mark made a video with his mobile that will prove her story. But the mobile has gone missing, and DI Manson wants to drop the case due to lack of proof. DCs Perkins and Masters are both sure Janine is telling the truth, and ask for more time.

### Media Flashes

- Is there any truth in the rumour of a midnight-dawn radio program being offered to a Melbourne husband-and-wife team?
- Hey Hey is conducting Red Faces auditions in Melbourne from March 20.
- Chrissie Swann (*The Circle*, Ten, 10am) was asked what she was wearing on Oscars day. "I don't even know what's going on here," she replied, looking at her collection of black garments.
- The TV quote of the week also belongs to *The Circle* on International Women's Day: "Every man who e-mails us will get a complimentary period."

## ENOUGH ANDREW!



● Andrew O'Keefe

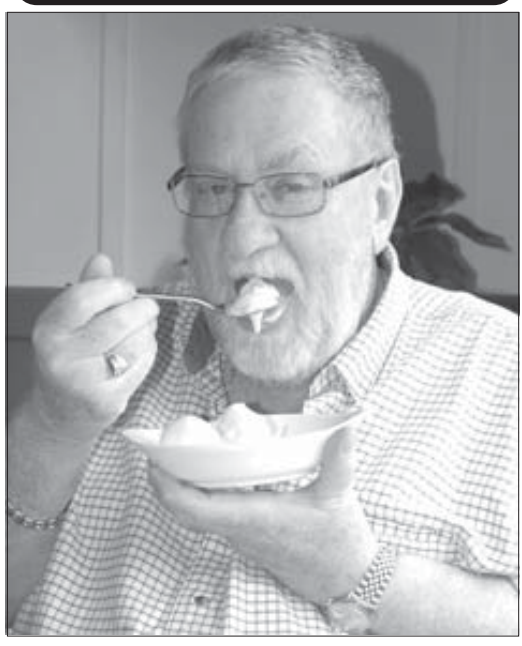
Just what is it with the love affair between Channel 7 owner Kerry Stokes and presenter Andrew O'Keefe?

O'Keefe hosts the game show, *Deal Or No Deal*. O'Keefe fronts the news program, *Weekend Sunrise*. And now O'Keefe was forced on Melburnians as co-host of the Moomba parade on Channel 7 on Monday.

The Sydney import, recently moved to Melbourne, has a sincerity factor of zero. He is an unwelcome smartarse.

Veritas now switches the dial whenever O'Keefe hits the screen.

### Birthday boy



3AW Overnights host Keith McGowan celebrated his birthday yesterday (Tuesday) by being on air with his 5½-hour midnight-dawn program. He is pictured with a celebratory bowl of ice cream at the Kingston Hotel, Richmond.

Keith is taking five weeks' leave from the end of next week. He will be replaced in that time by Simon Owens. Weekend overnight host Alan Pearsall will also be away in that time. His show will be hosted by Jane Holmes.

## Veritas

Melbourne's Best TV-Radio Critic

### Lara protests ...

Two-thirds of readers polled by the *Herald Sun* feel no sympathy for model Lara Bingle who says she is taking legal action against footballer Brendan Fevola for allegedly circulating a photo of her in a shower. She told *Woman's Day* that she felt exploited. That is right after she and flim-flam PR agent pocketed a *Woman's Day* cheque of at least \$50,000.



● Lara Bingle

The shower pic revealed much less than the bikini shots that Bingle posed for Channel 9 to promote their cricket broadcasts. Did she she feel violated then. She obviously banked Channel 9's cheque too.

Markson repeated claims this week that he has a 'team' of lawyers ready to take out defamation proceedings against Fevola. Defamation? Hello?

There is an old rule in the media. You don't threaten to take old defamation litigation. You either do it ... or you don't.

Instead, Markson organised Bingle to be profiled in Monday night's edition of *A Current Affair*. He is also pitching her to become Australia's Paris Hilton. As a viewer, Veritas feels violated.

## COP THAT!

● From Page 35

Last year there was also *Flashpoint* – a drama based around a Canadian based rapid response unit – but with a gentler approach to crime, didn't rate and has since been dispatched.

Meanwhile on Channel 7, the dark and getting darker *Criminal Minds* (Wednesdays 8.30pm) consistently rates as one of the night's most watched shows. For me, this show has become too bleak and indeed that's why lead actor Mandy Patinkin – who played Jason Gideon, left the series citing "creative differences". He claimed he returned home each night after a day on the set depressed and distressed.

The show also rates very well in the US, so much so that there is now talk that a spinoff series with a pilot recently shot.

Channel 7 also screens *Bones* (Sundays 8.30pm) – which for my money is a poor copycat of *CSI*, yet it is rating well.

Our national broadcaster screens *Silent Witness*, *The Bill*, repeat of *Life on Mars*, *Midsomer Murders* and the local *Blue Murder*, whilst on SBS there is *The Killing*, *The Fixer* and *Inspector Rex*.

The latest cops and crime show out of the US sounds retro. A pilot being filmed in the US called *The Cape* stars Aussie David Lyons – last seen in *Sea Patrol* here in the lead role. He plays a cop who has been framed and dons a cap and mask to clear his name. I am not sure if and when we will see this, but for now, it certainly seems that crime does pay when it comes to our TV industry

- Flip Shelton

NEWS - SHOWBIZ - LIFESTYLE - TRAVEL - FEATURES - BARGAINS - SPORT - PLUS 'OBSERVER OVERNIGHTERS'

Melbourne **Observer** VICTORIA'S ENTERTAINING WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

MORE THAN 55,000 READERS ACROSS VICTORIA - IN PRINT & ONLINE

www.MelbourneObserver.com.au

## HERE'S HOW TO NEVER MISS YOUR COPY OF THE OBSERVER

Editions of the *Melbourne Observer* often sell quickly, so some readers miss out on their weekly copy.

There is a guaranteed way of ensuring that you never miss your copy of Victoria's entertaining weekly newspaper.

Simply use the 'Putaway Service' offered by your local newsagent.

It costs no extra, and your newsagent will put away your copy securely ... making sure that you are never the victim of the 'Sold Out' sign.

Simply take this voucher to your local newsagent to start the arrangement.



### MELB. OBSERVER - PUTAWAY REQUEST

Dear Newsagent:  
Please putaway a copy of the *Melbourne Observer* for me, every week. I understand that the weekly price of the *Observer* is \$2.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Many newsagents can also arrange delivery of the *Melbourne Observer* to your home - for a small surcharge. Enquire at your local newsagent to find out details of the local service for your area.

Melbourne **Observer** STILL ONLY \$2

Melbourne **Observer** GREAT FAMILY NEWS PAPER

Melbourne **Observer** SHOWBIZ SCOOPS, LIFESTYLE FEATURES

Melbourne **Observer** FIRST PRINTED IN 1969

Melbourne **Observer** ON SALE AT 400 N'AGENTS

Melbourne **Observer** BEST ADVERT. VALUE IN TOWN

ADVERTISED EXTENSIVELY ACROSS VICTORIA ON RADIO

Melbourne **Observer**

ISSN 1447-4611

9 771447 461013