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AUSTRALIAN FOOD ICON DONNA HAY RETURNS TO FOXTEL WITH A BRILLIANT NEW SERIES

DONNA HAY: BASICS TO BRILLIANCE

Series premiere Tuesday, May 24 at 8.30pm AEST

Australia's leading food editor and best-selling cookbook author, **Donna Hay**, returns to Foxtel with a fresh new series ***Donna Hay: Basics to Brilliance***, premiering exclusively on Foxtel's LifeStyle FOOD on Tuesday, May 24 at 8.30pm AEST.

Donna Hay is one of the world's leading food creatives and her inspirational new 8 x 30 minute series shows viewers how to master a repertoire of simple recipes – and transform them in to something brilliant.

"I truly believe, just like anything you want to be good at, that mastering the basics is how you build confidence in the kitchen. In this series I share all my tried and true foundations – think the perfect tender steak, golden roasted chicken, crispy pork belly and my Nan's sponge cake. Each is followed by clever variations and simple flavour change-ups, so one recipe becomes many," said Donna.

This must-see series also takes a look at Donna's life outside the kitchen, sharing an insider's view into her world of photo shoots for her books and magazines, her favourite pastimes like paddle-boarding on Sydney Harbour, and life as a busy mum of two boys – it's a unique insight into Donna's ethos about food and everything in between.

In episode one, Donna shows you how to master the perfect pork belly, which can then be used to create pork pancakes with pickled vegetables and hoisin sauce, as well as a pork belly rice bowl with bok choy and chilli. She'll share her recipe for a light and crispy tempura batter you can use for prawns and vegetables, and finishes up with her ultimate chewy chocolate chip cookie recipe, which forms the base for her decadent marshmallow and chocolate s'mores and sensational cookies and cream popsicles.

Donna Hay is a much-loved household name and the brand continues to soar, encompassing everything from her self-titled magazine to her best-selling cookbooks, extensive homewares range and online retail store.

Since launching the magazine in 2001, Donna has released 24 cookbooks, which have sold over six million copies worldwide and been translated into nine languages, setting the benchmark for food publishing worldwide and inspiring a whole new generation of cooks.

She has also been named as one of the 'Magnificent Seven' cookbook authors at the international Gourmand Awards.

The Donna Hay magazine app for iPad and Android is the number-one selling digital magazine in Australia.

In 2011, Donna's first television series, *Fast, Fresh, Simple* premiered on LifeStyle FOOD, garnering Donna a 2012 Astra Award for Best New Female Personality and going on to air in more than 17 countries worldwide. In December 2013, the one-hour special, *A Donna Hay Christmas* was created exclusively for Foxtel, bringing to life Donna's no-fuss, chic approach to Christmas entertaining.

Donna Hay: Basics to Brilliance is produced by Lune Media and is exclusive to Foxtel's LifeStyle FOOD channel.

Following the premiere broadcast each week, *Donna Hay: Basics to Brilliance* will be available to watch when you want, on demand, via Foxtel Anytime on internet connected iQ boxes. You can also stream the series on demand on Foxtel Play or Foxtel Go. Foxtel Go is included with all Foxtel residential and Foxtel Play subscriptions at no extra cost.



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