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Foxtel's new animated comedy *Pacific Heat* launches on The Comedy Channel November 27 at 8pm

Foxtel will exclusively premiere its new local comedy commission, *Pacific Heat*, Australia's first adult animation, and the latest comedy from the award-winning Working Dog team of Santo Cilauro, Tom Gleisner, Rob Sitch and Michael Hirsh.

Pacific Heat will enjoy a worldwide premiere on Foxtel Sundays from November 27 at 8pm on The Comedy Channel.

Graham Burrells, Head of Premium Entertainment, Foxtel Networks said, "Adult animation has always been popular on The Comedy Channel and it's fantastic to have a home-grown Australian animation series on Foxtel. *Pacific Heat* is a perfect fit for our audience."

Working Dog's Michael Hirsh said, "We enjoy exploring new formats. Along the way, apart from TV and film we've published books, created a stage production, a podcast series and experimented with animation. Making an animated series is, I guess, another example of this desire to try out different ways of doing things. We showed a few short scenes to Foxtel and they commissioned the series on the spot."

Pacific Heat is set on the glitzy, glamorous Gold Coast, a sun-drenched paradise where sun and surf meet soaring crime rates. The animated comedy series is based on the exploits of an undercover special unit known as "Pacific Heat" established by police authorities to tackle everyone from petty crooks to international drug cartels. Unconventional, uncompromising and with an arrest rate second to none, the "Pacific Heat" team are not afraid to operate outside the law – provided at least one of them is wearing a fluorescent safety vest.

Special Agent Todd Sommerville (voiced by Rob Sitch) is a cop unconcerned with bending the rules. Special Agent Zac Valentic (voiced by Santo Cilauro) is the tough man of the team, he's a special breed of cop. The Chief (voiced by Tom Gleisner) has seen it all, he's tough, street-smart and still unhappy that his peptic ulcer doesn't entitle him to a disabled parking spot. Special Agents Maddie Riggs (voiced by Rebecca Massey) and Veronica "V.J." Delane (voiced by Lucia Mastrantone) combine the brains and beauty of the team and possess the many skills needed to solve crimes.

The 13-part animated series *Pacific Heat* is from the creative minds of Working Dog productions, the highly successful Australian production company responsible for incredibly popular TV series such as *Have You Been Paying Attention?*, *Frontline*, *Thank God You're Here*, and *The Panel*. *Pacific Heat* premieres first on Foxtel Sundays from November 27 at 8.00pm on The Comedy Channel.

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