



## POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title	JOURNALIST	Position No.	30005079
Team	[News, Analysis, Investigations]	Classification	[Content Maker]
Department	News SA	Schedule Roster Cycle	[Schedule B] [2 Week Rostered]
Location	Collinswood	Band / Level	[Band 4]
Reports to	News Editor SA	HR Endorsement	[Endorsement]

Purpose

Generate news and current affairs stories and coverage on a wide range of subjects across all ABC platforms.

### Key Accountabilities

- Work effectively and independently on own initiative with clear direction and supervision.
- On a daily basis, research, write, compile and present accurate, concise and clear stories across platforms and in line with the ABC's Editorial Policies.
- Be proactive and regularly contribute story ideas to newsroom leadership teams.
- Research story material, identify suitable sources, and arrange and conduct interviews to support own and others' output, ensuring a consistently high standard of relevant and compelling content, including moderately complex stories
- Show initiative in responding to breaking news, prioritise and work well under pressure to tight deadlines
- Develop and produce content in text, audio, pictorial and video form using a variety of cross platform newsgathering, editing, filing and production systems. Use desktop edit software to an acceptable standard to complete television stories.
- Present news bulletins and live-to-air reports to a consistently high standard and participate in live Q&As
- Seek out opportunities to value add to original material by providing additional links, vision and audio for News web pages, revisioning for other outlets such as News online, use other technological/social media opportunities that may become available.
- Broaden the ABC's contact base and develop relations with police, emergency services and other key institutions/players. Cultivate a broad range of contacts and regularly update your own contacts book and contribute to maintaining the office diary/contact system.
- Proactively share information and learning with colleagues. Provide feedback when required.
- Actively promote the ABC values and apply all relevant workplace policies and guidelines.
- Cooperate with any reasonable instruction, procedure or policy relating to safety and take reasonable care for your own safety and that of other people who may be affected by your conduct while at work. Additional WHS responsibilities apply to Managers and Supervisors, Team Directors, and other Officers.

### Key Capabilities/Qualifications/Experience

1. An experienced reporter with proficient skills and capability in newsgathering and story production.
2. A creative self-starter with proven ability in contributing story ideas and angles.
3. Proficient presentation skills for all multi-media programming, including for Q+As and live coverage. Effective multi-media production techniques.
4. An understanding of the digital news environment is essential, and experience working in a cross-platform filing environment is desirable.





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5. Knowledge of major social, economic, political, and cultural issues. An understanding of audience needs and interests in relation to news and current affairs.
6. Desirable: accomplished in the use of multimedia editing and production systems and use of social media as a newsgathering & research tool and to connect to audiences. Highly desirable: experience in shooting and editing video.
7. Proven ability to work collaboratively in a team environment.
8. Demonstrated understanding and passion to source and create authentic content which represents the broad diversity of the Australian community, including stories that reflect a range of cultural and linguistic backgrounds and Indigenous communities where editorially relevant.
9. **ABC Principles:** Demonstrated commitment to the ABC Principles of We are ABC, Straight Talking, People Focused, Accountable and Open & Transparent.
10. **ABC Policies:** Understanding of the relevance and scope of ABC policies and the ABC Principles and a commitment to adhere to these; particularly in relation to complying with health, safety and wellbeing requirements in the workplace and acting in accordance with the ABC Principles.
11. **Diversity and Inclusion:** Ability to communicate effectively and build relationships with people from a range of diverse backgrounds.
12. Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultures and an understanding of the issues affecting Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people. And, ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.