



POSITION DESCRIPTION

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Label	Description
Position Title:	JOURNALIST
Position no:	50058388 BACKFILL
Team:	[News]
Department:	VIC News
Location:	Southbank
Reports to:	JOURNALIST 30000714
Classification:	Content Maker
Schedule:	[Schedule B]
Roster cycle	[2 Week Rostered]
Band/level:	[Band 5]
HR Endorsement:	3/03/2025

Purpose

Produce and present local radio news and flash bulletins to ensure ABC News remains an agenda-setting news service through maintaining consistently high standards of original, creative, and relevant output.

Key Accountabilities

- Under general direction, deliver radio news bulletins to best meet the needs of a Victorian audience
- Write and sub scripts and stories that demonstrate well developed journalistic craft.
- Ensure content being broadcast on local radio news bulletins is legally and editorially sound as well as grammatically correct and succinct
- Produce and present content in line with ABC Editorial Policies, divisional style guides, departmental requirements, and broadcast law.
- Participate in editorial meetings and discussions, contributing original ideas and coverage suggestions to discussions.
- Generate stories that are relevant to a broad section of Australians and reflect the cultural, geographic and socio-economic diversity of the country.

- Actively engage with communities to find and tell stories that are relevant for them and in line with the News strategy.
- Work closely and effectively with producers, editors, and colleagues in the newsroom and around the network.
- Monitor daily news output of ABC and commercial media. Respond to breaking news events to ensure output needs are met.
- 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. Relevant tertiary qualifications or demonstrated equivalent skills, knowledge and experience.
2. Demonstrated broadcast quality voice, excellent voice presentation skills, and ability to remain calm under pressure.
3. Advanced experience presenting news bulletins for audio platforms; demonstrated ability to produce clear, strong and accurate editorial content in accordance with Editorial Policies and Style Guides.
4. Strong ability to work collaboratively as part of a team, assist in building team relationships, and a willingness to perform a range of tasks over all shifts.
5. Experienced and proficient in the use of multimedia editing and production systems (Netia) highly desirable.
6. Thorough understanding of ABC News programming priorities and objectives, together with audience needs and interests.
7. Demonstrated advanced understanding of the law as it relates to broadcasting and publishing.
8. Demonstrated independent editorial judgement, experience working in a news environment and an ability to deliver consistently high-quality output under pressure.
9. 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.
10. **ABC Principles:** Demonstrated commitment to the ABC Principles of We are ABC, Straight Talking, People Focused, Accountable and Open & Transparent.
11. **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.
12. **Diversity and Inclusion:** Ability to communicate effectively and build relationships with people from a range of diverse backgrounds.

