



POSITION DESCRIPTION

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Label	Description
Position Title:	JOURNALIST/ NEWSGATHERING PRODUCER
Position no:	30001764
Team:	[News, Analysis, Investigations]
Department:	Local Coverage
Location:	Southbank, Victoria
Reports to:	VICTORIA NEWS EDITOR 30006500
Classification:	Content Maker
Schedule:	[Schedule B]
Roster cycle	[2 Week Rostered]
Band/level:	[Band 6]
HR Endorsement:	11/10/2021

Purpose

Strategically drive the daily commissioning and management of impactful and distinctive content for all platforms and set the daily agenda for the news team.

Key Accountabilities

- Work with the Melbourne newsroom leadership team to commission and organise reporters and field operators to provide coverage and distinctive content for all network programs and platforms in a timely fashion
- In conjunction with the Victoria News Editor, manage logistics for breaking news coverage to ensure that relevant newsgathering resources are deployed to meet editorial needs across multiple platforms
- Deliver multiplatform coverage plans for big or significant stories.
- Actively build and maintain effective relationships with national teams, acting as a key contact for coordination and planning of planned and breaking news coverage.
- Under limited direction, generate/commission 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 in Australia's outer suburbs to find and tell stories that are relevant for them and in line with the News strategy, "More Relevant to More Australians".

- Broaden the ABC's contact base and develop relations with under-served communities across Victoria with a focus on diversity.
- Consistently contribute to the effective direction, communication and support of editorial supervisors and content makers in all phases of newsgathering and story production. Provide constructive feedback to content makers about stories, story assignments and coverage, when required.
- Oversee newsgathering processes to ensure output meets ABC Editorial Policy and community expectations. Formulate coverage approaches to meet platform and newsroom targets.
- 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. A demonstrated and ongoing interest and passion in finding and telling stories that reflect Australia's diversity.
2. A proven ability to source and maintain contacts across the broader Australian community.
3. Advanced editorial skills and judgement to strategically identify and drive impactful and distinctive daily and real-time content for all platforms, as well as breaking news and major events
4. Strong networks, together with knowledge of major social, economic, political, and cultural issues in Victoria. A high-level understanding of audience needs and interests in relation to news and current affairs.
5. Advanced knowledge of news production in a multi-platform environment, including commissioning distinctive and compelling content for digital, mobile, and broadcast platforms, particularly breaking news.
6. A highly developed understanding of ABC News programming priorities and objectives together with a strong understanding of audience needs and interests.
7. Proven and effective teamwork, communication, interpersonal and time management skills to operate effectively in a busy newsroom environment. Demonstrated ability to successfully lead high-performing teams and guide others in a fast-paced newsroom with continuous deadlines.
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 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.