



POSITION DESCRIPTION

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Label	Description
Position Title:	COMMISSIONING EDITOR, INTERNATIONAL NEWS
Position no:	50055250
Team:	[News]
Department:	International & Indigenous News
Location:	Ultimo
Reports to:	MANAGING EDITOR INTERNATIONAL NEWS 50069430
Classification:	Content Maker
Schedule:	[Schedule B]
Roster cycle	[2 Week Rostered]
Band/level:	[Band 8-9]
HR Endorsement:	5/11/2024

Purpose

Drive the daily development of coverage of international news from the ABC's foreign correspondents, to deliver original, timely and high impact storytelling, in line with ABC News strategy.

Key Accountabilities

- Drive the daily international newsgathering agenda, with a focus on commissioning stories for impact, with agreed priority platforms as a focus.
- Provide editorial oversight and leadership to the ABC's proposed three international news hubs, including the day-to-day management of Editors in Asia, Europe and the Americas and the associated bureaux.
- Ensure the highest standards of journalism, with coverage which reflects the principles of independence, integrity, responsibility and accuracy.
- Work closely with State Editors, Managing Editors and key program teams to ensure international news coverage is aligned with output needs and priorities in line with the News Strategy.
- Support Editors to make sound editorial decisions around the delivery on content; with audiences at the centre of commissioning discussions.
- Allocate production resources to support bureaux in the delivery of multi-platform content with a digital first approach.

- Originate and refine story and coverage ideas to drive distinctive and high impact international news content on a daily basis.
- Provide editorial leadership to the proposed multiplatform production desk to plan and produce cross-platform content.
- As required, report and analyse news, events, issues, trends and developments for all platforms with depth, immediacy and accuracy.
- Contribute significantly to the management and development of all international staff through regular feedback and effective performance management.
- Collaborate with the Managing Editor - International, Newsgathering Editor, Planning Editor and other relevant teams to drive coverage on planned and breaking stories.
- Ensure daily editorial output is consistent with the ABC News Strategy.
- 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.
- 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. Extensive knowledge of and interest in international affairs, including diplomatic, political, economic, social, and cultural issues and events.
3. Proven recent track record in generating stories and providing reporting that illuminates events and issues and compels and engages the audience across platforms.
4. Demonstrated expert leadership skills appropriate for leading busy newsgathering teams, including the ability to empower and support local leaders to make sound editorial and commissioning decisions.
5. A detailed understanding of the latest in digital newsgathering technology and the ability to use it to the best ABC advantage, including in the field.
6. Demonstrated ability to inspire creativity and to deliver on audience and digital outcomes, including to increase reach.
7. High level organisational and communication skills with the capacity to identify opportunities for content improvement and distribution; expert problem solving and troubleshooting skills.
8. Extensive experience managing high risk assignments in the field. Recent experience in high risks assignment desirable.
9. An understanding of and commitment to the effective governance and management of international News resources.
10. A demonstrated and ongoing interest and passion in finding and telling stories that reflect Australia's diversity.
11. A proven ability to source and maintain contacts across the broader Australian community.

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.
13. **ABC Principles:** Demonstrated commitment to the ABC Principles of We are ABC, Straight Talking, People Focused, Accountable and Open & Transparent.
14. **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.
15. **Diversity and Inclusion:** Ability to communicate effectively and build relationships with people from a range of diverse backgrounds.



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