

## Media Release



# Ernie Dingo, Mark Coles Smith, Aaron Fa'Aoso, Bianca Hunt and Rae Johnston showcase Australia's beauty in new season of *Going Places*

Premiering on NITV, SBS and SBS On Demand on Thursday 31 October

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\*Interviews available\*

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Popular travel and lifestyle show *Going Places with Ernie Dingo* will return for a sixth season on **National Indigenous Television (NITV)**, **SBS** and **SBS On Demand** from **Thursday 31 October at 7.30pm**, with new episodes premiering weekly.

Led by Australian icon and proud Yamatji man, **Ernie Dingo**, the 12-episode season unearths and explores stunning locations and activities across Western Australia, Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and the Northern Territory. Audiences will meet Indigenous peoples and local legends, who reveal surprising and inspiring Australian stories.

Gold Logie-nominated actor **Mark Coles Smith** (*Mystery Road: Origin, Keeping Hope*) joins Ernie for the first time this season, along with returning presenters **Aaron Fa'Aoso, Bianca Hunt** and **Rae Johnston**.

**Host, Ernie Dingo, said:** "Travel is one of my many passions and it's a joy to work with the team on another new season. From Western Australia's Ningaloo Reef to Mt Isa's world-famous rodeo country, there are always more stories to tell, with wonderful people to tell them. I hope people at home might find a new location to add to their travel list, thanks to our show."

**NITV's Acting Head of Indigenous Commissions and Production, Adam Manovic, said:** "*Going Places with Ernie Dingo* continues to be a much-loved program for NITV and SBS audiences and we're so proud that the program is now in its sixth season. Ernie's conversational and laid-back interview style gives an intimate portrait of each of the places he visits, and we're thrilled to have Mark Coles Smith join the team for season 6. Each of our presenters – Ernie, Mark, Bianca, Aaron and Rae bring their own experience and flair to the show."

Each episode features three locations, with a total of 36 stories across the season.

### **Episode 1: Ningaloo Reef, Picola and Kalgoorlie**

Thursday 31 October

Join Ernie as he hits the deep blue with the biggest fish in the sea at Ningaloo Reef. Rae jams with a folk duo in regional Victoria and Mark learns about an old Aussie past time in Kalgoorlie.

### **Episode 2: Standley Chasm, Byron Bay and Mt Isa**

Thursday 7 November

Ernie heads to the heart of Central Australia to take in the beauty of the West MacDonnell Ranges, Bianca cozies up with Byron Bay's wildlife and Aaron learns to lasso with a cowboy in Queensland's rodeo-country of Mt Isa.

### **Episode 3: Abrolhos Islands, Glenreagh and Burketown**

Thursday 14 October

Ernie cruises across the Indian Ocean to visit the spectacular Abrolhos Islands, Bianca gets behind the lens with a photographer in the NSW Northern Rivers, and Aaron gets a bird's eye view of the beautiful and vast Gulf of Carpentaria.

**Watch *Going Places with Ernie Dingo* on Thursday 31 October at 7.30pm on NITV and SBS. It will be available to stream for free on [SBS On Demand](#), with captions available in English and subtitles in Arabic, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese.**

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