

'Old Friends' TRIVIA QUIZ

1. All three of these actors first made their names in shows on the ABC. Which one played Norman Gunston in *The Norman Gunston Show* and Arthur in *Mother and Son*?

- A. Garry McDonald B. Gary Sweet C. Grahame Bond

Bonus points for naming the show two of them were both in and the third one's breakthrough series.

2. Ruth Cracknell played Arthur's mother. What was her name?

- A. Maggie Beer B. Maggie Beare C. Maisie Deare

Bonus point for naming Arthur's brother, played by Henry Szeps.

3. Who played Sergeant Robert McKellar in the 70s goldfields drama *Rush* and later had a long stint as a *Play School* presenter?

- A. John Waters B. John Hamblin C. John Wood

Bonus point for naming the actress who played the Sergeant's love interest in *Rush*.

4. Match the shows with their first presenters

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| A. <i>AM</i> | Bill Peach |
| B. <i>Monday Conference</i> | Robert Moore |
| C. <i>TDT (This Day Tonight)</i> | Robert Peach |

5. Who presented *The 7.30 Report* from 1995 until 2011?

Bonus point for naming the show that person went on to present until 2015.

6. Name these three long-lasting breakfast radio presenters

- A. From 3LO... B. From Radio National... C. From 774...



Bonus points for guessing their first and final years on air as breakfast presenters.

7. Which of these high-profile journalists started a cadetship at the ABC in 1965?

- A. Caroline Jones B. George Negus C. Ray Martin

8. The ABC radio serial *Blue Hills* ran from 1949 to 1976. How many episodes were there?

- A. 3,795 B. 4,795 C. 5,795

9. True or false?

- A. Kerry O'Brien was in *The Chaser's War on Everything*
 B. Ruth Cracknell was once a *Play School* presenter
 C. Stuart Littlemore was a reporter on TDT

10. Match the first names with the right surnames and programs they were in

Benita	Bowden	<i>Backchat</i>
Jacki	Collings	<i>Good News Week</i>
Julie	Heinze	<i>Mr Squiggle</i>
Kevin	Lovell	<i>Play School</i>
Patricia ("Miss Pat")	McCrossin	<i>Sow What</i>
Peter	Weaver	<i>Torque</i>
Tim	Wherrett	<i>Would You Believe?</i>

11. A lot of our dedicated public broadcasters work well into senior citizenship. These are the current ages of Robyn Williams and Phillip Adams plus the age at which Peter Cundall retired from *Gardening Australia*. Which is which?

- A. 79 B. 81 C. 83

Bonus point for guessing how old John Cargher was when he finished presenting *Singers of Renown*.

12. The Howard Government began the recent pattern of Coalition Governments promising not to cut ABC funding just before doing so. In 1992-93 the ABC's funding was about 40 cents of every \$100 the government spent. How much is it now?

- A. About 38 cents B. About 26 cents C. About 14 cents

13. John Howard made an unexpected and very eloquent apology to indigenous Australians on the ABC in 2000. During which show?

- A. *Lateline* B. *The 7.30 Report* C. *The Games*

Bonus point for naming his speechwriter.

14. In 2021, budget cuts forced the ABC to end a long tradition of providing live radio (and for a long time TV) coverage of the Olympics. Which was the ABC's first Olympics as an official broadcaster?

- A. London 1948 B. Helsinki 1952 C. Melbourne 1956

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Answers: 1. A. Garry McDonald. Bonus points: Grahame Bond played Aunty Jack in *The Aunty Jack Show* and Garry McDonald was Kid Eager. Gary Sweet's first hit show was *Police Rescue*. 2. B. Bonus point: Robert. 3. A. John Hamblin was a long-standing Play School presenter, but wasn't in *Rush*. John Wood has been in various ABC shows, including *Power Without Glory* (1976) and *The Truckies* (1978). Bonus point: Olivia Hamnett. 4. A. Robert (Bob) Peach. B. Robert Moore. C. Bill Peach. 5. Kerry O'Brien. Bonus point: *Four Corners*. 6. A: Peter Evans (1965–1985). B: Fran Kelly (2005–2021). C: Red Symons (2003–2017). 7. Ray Martin. Caroline Jones began working for the ABC in 1963 and George Negus after 1967 as a reporter for *TDT*. 8. C. 9. They're all true. 10. Benita Collings *Play School*. Jacki Weaver *Would You Believe?* Julie McCrossin *Good News Week*. Kevin Heinze *Sow What*. Patricia ('Miss Pat') Lovell *Mr Squiggle*. Peter Wherrett *Torque*. Tim Bowden *Backchat*. 11. A. Robyn Williams. B. Peter Cundall. C. Phillip Adams. John Cargher was 89 when he stopped making *Singers of Renown* just before his death in 2008. 12. C. 13. C. John Clarke wrote the speech and the actor John Howard (Bob Jelly in *SeaChange*) delivered it. 14. B.