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It's had surprises and sadness. Controversy and celebration. But what stories will 2016 be remembered by? We'll take a look in our final episode of the year starting right now.

Hi I'm Nathan and thanks for joining me for this very special show including our annual 20 question super quiz to test yourself on too.

#### **Aussie News**

Reporter: Nic Maher

INTRO: But before we get to that let's start the reminiscing with a look back at some of the biggest Australian stories we tackled this year.

If there was one thing that dominated Aussie news this year, it was a little thing called the Australian election. In fact, it was the longest election campaign in our history.

We all suffered through 8 weeks of watching pollies kiss babies, wear hi-vis stuff, eat rolls from the middle and bust moves to Taylor Swift. When the big day finally came, Aussies flocked to the voting booths in their Sunday best and returned Malcolm Turnbull as PM, just.

The Liberals lost a number of seats, leading to a bunch of new, and some familiar, faces joining parliament this year.

Refugees were a big focus this year too, as our controversial overseas detention centres on Manus Island and Nauru appeared in the media, again and again. The US has now agreed to help some of those refugees to find new homes, while the Australian government has announced it will take in an extra 5000 refugees each year, mostly from Central America.

Another hotly debated issue this year was the same sex marriage plebiscite. The PM wanted to hold a big public vote on the topic, but some pollies thought it would divide Australia and cause debate that could be hurtful to some people. So, it was voted down in parliament.

New South Wales' greyhound racing ban suffered a similar fate too. It was announced after reports found many dogs weren't being treated well, but, there was a big backlash, so it was scrapped.

NSW's other controversial animal law will go ahead though. New South Wales started trialling shark nets this year after a number of attacks along the coast.

In 2016, Australians remembered a really important date in our nation's history, the 50th anniversary, of the Wave Hill walk off.

It was a strike by a group of Gurringi station workers, led by Vincent Lingiari. It sparked a national campaign and eventually helped bring about the Aboriginal Land Rights Act.

Moving onto the weather, let's just say 2016 had some pretty extreme moments. Massive bushfires struck early in the year.

Then, later, South Australia was plunged into darkness when a massive storm knocked out power to the whole state.

To the ocean, things weren't looking much better. Researchers revealed that coral bleaching on the Great Barrier Reef in 2016 is worst it's been in recorded history.

Back on land, Australia's biggest survey, the census, provided plenty of frustration and laughs this year. More Aussies than ever before jumped online to complete it. Or, at least, they tried. Unfortunately, the website for the nation's most expensive survey crashed spectacularly.

But far more successful than the census site this year, were some of Australia's underdog sporting teams.

The Bulldogs won their first AFL Premiership in 62 years. In the NRL, Cronulla were crowned champs for the first time ever and in the A-league, Adelaide United completed one of the biggest comebacks in Aussie sporting history, coming from the bottom of the table, to the top and winning the grand final!

An amazing result, to wrap up an amazing year of highs and lows in Australia.

# Super Quiz 1

Right time for part 1 of our quiz now! Five questions are coming your way. Good luck!

- 1. Australia's population hit what new milestone this year?
  - a. 14 million
  - b. 24 million
  - c. 2.4 billion

The answer 24 million people.

2. Which Australian pest did the Government announce they will attempt to stamp out over the next few years? a. Rabbits b. Carp c. Mosquitos The answer is carp. 3. What is the name of this man that went up against PM Malcolm Turnbull in this year's federal election? He is Bill Shorten. 4. Australia decided to spend \$50 billion on which type of machine for the defence force? Was it: a. Submarines b. Tanks c. Bicycles The answer is submarines. 5. What note was given an overhaul this year? a. \$5

#### World News

Reporter: Amelia Moseley

b. \$10

c. \$50

It was the \$5 and here it is.

INTRO: Hope you got those first five! Now this year there were a bunch of stories that got the whole world talking - some for very good reasons and some for very sad reasons. Here's a look back at a few of the biggest.

2016 is a year that changed the world in many ways. Sometimes those changes were hard to hear about, like terrorist attacks in Brussels, Nice and the Middle East, and a big shooting in the US state of Orlando. Natural disasters hit the island of Haiti, Fiji and Italy. There was also the ongoing refugee crisis, as people continued to run from war and violence in the Middle East. But in hard times, people did come together to lend help and support, even to fight for freedom.

There were stories that got the world talking, like the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Brazil where there were worries about the spread of a nasty virus carried by mozzies, Russian drug cheats and unusually green pools!

And who could forget the two big votes that divided nations and left a lot of people surprised! First, in the UK, after months of campaigning between Team Stay and Team Leave, the UK voted to exit the European Union and go it alone. Then in the US, a former reality TV star went head-to-head with a seasoned politician for the country's top job. There were arguments, scandals and many uncomfortable moments, but in the end America voted for Donald Trump to run the country and, perhaps most amazingly, it fulfilled a Simpsons prophecy!

We also celebrated some historic people like the Queen who turned 90, the splendiferous children's author Roald Dahl who would've been 100, and famous playwright William Shakespeare who died 400 years ago.

We also said goodbye to some beloved stars like boxer and activist Mohammed Ali, singers Prince and David Bowie and Alan Rickman aka Snape from Harry Potter.

Then there were some moments that were just out of this world! Like when NASA's Juno spacecraft made it closer to the planet Jupiter than we've ever seen before, or when the world said goodbye to the spacecraft Rosetta when it was deliberately crashed into the comet it had been orbiting for 12 years, bringing its historic mission to an end.

But back down on earth there was also plenty to keep people entertained, like the always colourful characters competing in Eurovision; still think Dami should've won. Or the online vote to name a million-dollar research vessel. Which, of course, ended with the most popular name Boaty McBoatFace. And, finally, who could forget the craze that got thousands of people outdoors for at least two good weeks of totally obsessive gaming behaviour - Pokémon Go! Ah, I never did catch Pikachu, oh well.

# Super Quiz 2

6. A mosquito virus had people on edge before the Olympics in Brazil. What was it called?

It was called the Zika virus.

9. Who lost this year's US Presidential Election to Donald Trump?
That would be Hillary Clinton.

10. Which country voted to leave the European Union?

a. Britain
b. Germany
c. Russia
The answer is Britain.

Campaigns

Reporter: Nic Maher

INTRO: That's ten questions down ten to go! Okay moving on and this year on BtN we tried to change the world too. Well really we tried to encourage you guys to change the world. And you did an amazing job time and time again. Take a look.

8. Which of these countries did NOT have a war going on there throughout this

7. Scientists detected what for the first time this year?

a. Invisibility

year?

a. Iraq

b. Ireland

c. Syria

b. Life on Mars

c. Gravitational waves

The answer is gravitational waves.

First up, we revisited last year's Hashtag Behind you campaign. It's all about standing up to bullying and supporting those experiencing it and heaps of you got involved. In April, we asked you about the role technology plays in your life and we had some amazing results. 3 in 5 of you said you spend more time in front of a screen than recommended by experts. Some of you even said, you'd find it impossible to go without it!

Next up, was Kind Classrooms. Behind the News challenged schools across the country to show a little kindness to their local community and the response was absolutely inspirational. Each and every one of you helped to prove that the kids of Australia really do care.

And speaking of caring, we wrapped up this year with the world-first BtN Welcome Book.

We wanted to help all refugee and migrant kids that arrive in the country to feel welcome. So, we asked you to help us create a book full of colourful and heartfelt messages for them. These are just some of the hundred finalists we chose, out of the ten thousand artworks we received.

Right now, publishers are working on the book design and we can't wait to officially reveal it to all of you next year!

## Super Quiz 3

A big thankyou to every kid and class that got involved in our special campaigns this year.

Now it's time for part 3 of our 2016 super quiz! Sport fans will do well in this one.

- 11. What city hosted the Olympics in 2016? That would be Rio de Janeiro.
- 12. In which new Olympic sport did Aussie women win gold at the Olympics? It was Rugby 7s.
- 13. Which female tennis player was banned for using a performance-enhancing drug?
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- 14. Which team won this year's NRL grand final?
  It was the Cronulla Sharks. They beat the Melbourne Storm 14-12.
- 15. Which sport is introducing a new women's comp next year? That would be the AFL.

#### Kids' Stories

Reporter: Jack Evans

INTRO: Now one of the most special parts of our show are the kids that invite all of us into their lives each week by sharing their stories they inspire us and teach us what it's like it's like to be them. Here's a look back at some of our favourites.

This year you guys shared with us some pretty cool stories. Some kids showed us they could cut it with the pros. while others showed off their Big Ideas or their need for speed. Whether it was racing cars, racing across some gnarly waves or racing camels across the desert, yeah, they're actually faster than you'd think, there was nothing slowing down this year's youngest Olympic superstars at Rio's 2016 games.

ISIS HOLT: I'm so excited. I couldn't be more looking forward to it than I am. It'll be an incredible experience.

Jade's incredible experience, trekking to the north pole, earned her Australia's young adventurer of the year award

JADE: The environment was like nothing I've ever seen before. I think the coldest temperatures we had, maybe minus 35. Normally like minus 20.

And these kids got to experience some traditional languages from the comfort of their own classroom.

STUDENT: Yaminyarri, Birlawal, Iirringgin. These are some of the plant names that we've learnt from our Yawuru teacher

There were heaps of kids who inspired us with their personal stories too. Like Stef who has a hair loss condition called alopecia.

STEF: I thought that having my condition made me ugly. Now I think that you know I'm not the kind of beautiful that you see on magazines, but I'm my kind of beautiful and somehow that's even better!

Cameron who told us what it's like living with Tourette's.

Cameron: Tourette's is like that and it happens without notice. After a while you get used to it but it does get frustrating though

And you might remember Harrison, who's Dad gave him one of his kidneys.

HARRISON: I feel much better now after my transplant and I'm not on dialysis anymore, and I get to eat all the yummy things that I wasn't allowed to eat before.

We also learnt about how much you guys like to help others.

SOPHIE: Hi, I'm Sophie I'm 13 years old, and this is my volunteer story.

Zoe, Julia, Ella, Ali: We absolutely believe that together, through our e-waste recycling program, we can make a difference to help save the gorillas from extinction!

MADELINE: The advice that I would give kids wanting to help others is to keep following your heart. No project is too big or too small even if you get one donation that is awesome and know that you are helping someone in need.

And when we needed help covering this year's election, rookie reporter Maya was ready for duty.

LEIGH SALES: Listen, you are our new rookie reporter! Congratulations!

MAYA, ROOKIE REPORT: Thank you!

LEIGH SALES: Happy to accept the job?

MAYA, ROOKIE REPORTER: Yeah, I don't even know what to say now.

#### Super Quiz 4

16. What popular game released this year is considered one of the first to use augmented reality? That's Pokémon Go.

17. Which famous doll got a revamp this year?
That would be Barbie. She went from this to this.

- 18. Which film won best animated feature at the Academy Awards in 2016?
  - a. Kung Fu Panda 2
  - b. Inside Out
  - c. Finding Dory

It was Inside Out.

19. Which singer revealed she was photoshopped without her permission in one of her film clips?

That was Meghan Trainor and he's the scene she wasn't happy about.

20. Which song won Record of the Year at this year's Grammy's?

It was Uptown Funk by Mark Ronson and Bruno Mars and here's a bit of it now.

### Coming in 2017

Coming to BtN in 2017. Australia's biggest survey of kids' mental health returns. The welcome book will be revealed.

And #askareporter will be back bigger and better than ever.

Plus, we'll have all new campaigns for your class to get involved in.

The first BtN virtual reality experience.

And the inaugural BtN Teacher Awards.

More exciting events. More amazing kids.

But most of all more of the biggest news and issues from around the world.

That's BtN in 2017.

## **Bloopers**

INTRO: NATHAN: And we can't wait to bring all of that exciting stuff next year! Now I've invited these guys on set because without our reporters. BtN wouldn't be anywhere near as much fun to watch. AMELIA: Yeah we have so much fun bringing you the news each week sometimes maybe a little too much fun. Take a look.

AMELIA Being a BTN reporter in 2016 has had its ups and downs.

JACK: A kid, I never!

KID Shall we shave the lot?

AMELIA Sometimes we had to make really difficult choices.

MATT Hmm.

AMELIA Purchased! Ok, what was I doing again?

NIC OK, let's do one with sunnies?

JACK We also had to put a lot of energy into our stories.

AMELIA Take that Serena Williams!

NIC But it did help to work as a team.

MATT Can I?

AMELIA No.

MATT What if I just ...?

AMELIA No, sorry I really need them all.

NATHAN Matt, can you send this off to ...?

MATT I don't have time - there's a Geodude, Nathan.

JACK About the time it takes for a fingernail to grow.

MATT Can you cut this up?

AMELIA Ugh, ok.

AMELIA We also had some visitors who lent us a hand.

MAGPIE So yes, I saw this human and I was like this is my house and boom! Yeah, that'll teach him. And don't come back!

INTERVIEWER Can you tell us your full name? WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE William Shakespeare, playwright.

INTERVIEWER Can you spell that?

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE It's like shake and spear, with an 'e' on the end.

JACK Yeah, come to think of it, there were often some weird people hanging around the office.

MATT Hi, Dad!

MATT'S DAD Hi, son!

AMELIA Sometimes we had to find interesting, often delicious ways, of explaining things.

CARL Those waves that you can see there are gravity slightly disturbing space jelly.

MATT This would be easier with a bigger spoon.

CARL I don't know if this is really any better than having nits.

NIC Yeah, well, we do like food. Especially Japanese!

JACK Should we get some sushi?

AMELIA I was thinking sushi?

JACK Of course, with all that hard work going on, mistakes were bound to happen.

NIC Yeah, and there were definitely some awkward moments.

AMELIA But all up, it's been a year worth celebrating, right guys?

JACK Yeah!

NIC Yeah, definitely.

MATT Yeah, those were some great dance moves.

AMELIA Matt, get out of our story.

MATT Sorry.

#### Closer

AMELIA: And now you can see what it's like having Matt around the office.

MATT: I'm a one man partay.

NATHAN: And that wraps us up for today and this year!

On behalf of all of us that have worked on BTN this year, I want to thank you for watching!

Have a great Christmas a wonderful holidays and we can't wait to see you again for more fun next year!

ALL: Bye!