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# **A PLACE TO CALL HOME**

## **Season 5**

on **showcase**® and Foxtel Now



Brett Climo as George and Marta Dusseldorp as Sarah

**Starts Sunday, October 8 at 8.30pm.**

Honoured at the 2017 TV WEEK Logie Awards as Most Outstanding Drama Series, the Australian period showpiece *A Place to Call Home* returns for its fifth season, premiering Sunday, October 8 at 8:30pm AEDT on Foxtel's showcase and streaming on Foxtel Now.

The new season will jump to 1958, where four years have passed since we left Sarah (Marta Dusseldorp) and the Bligh family. Those years have seen ever-increasing changes in Australian society. The world of wealth and privilege is being eroded, moral values are fraying and a new young generation is rising, full of disaffection with the world of their elders. To them the War is a matter of the dead past, bringing conflict with those who suffered its pain and deprivation. Economic change and the devious actions of unseen enemies threaten Ash Park and, in the midst of the turmoil, love becomes the only sure place anyone can call home.

As the 1950s come to a close, Australia – just as the rest of the world – stands on the cusp of great change. While pastoral families like the Blighs have long farewelled the early '50s

golden era when Australia 'rode on the sheep's back', 1958 brings notable milestones: Qantas Airways introduces a round-the-world air service from Australia to London, Anzac Day (25 April) becomes a national public holiday, Johnny O'Keefe releases his first hit with *Wild One*, and with it Australian rock and roll is born, the National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) opens in Sydney, the first Australian federal election is televised, and a young Brian Henderson hosts the first episode of *Bandstand*.

The exceptional cast features AACTA award winner Marta Dusseldorp (Sarah) and Lifetime Achievement TV WEEK Logie Award winner Noni Hazlehurst (Elizabeth) along with Brett Climo (George), Abby Earl (Anna), Craig Hall (Dr Jack), Frankie J Holden (Roy), Sara Wiseman (Carolyn), Jenni Baird (Regina), David Berry (James), Arianwen Parkes-Lockwood (Olivia), Deborah Kennedy (Doris), Tim Draxl (Dr Fox), Mark Lee (Sir Richard), Robert Coleby (Douglas) and with returning guest favourite Martin Sacks (Isaac Gold).

New guest cast will include established and respected actors Aaron Pedersen (*Jack Irish/Goldstone*), Matt Day (*Rake/Tangle*), Huw Higginson (*Secret City/The Bill*)

Season five will also feature up and coming new talent including Madeleine Clunies –Ross (*Tomorrow When The War Began*) and introduce WAAPA graduate George Pullar.

As a prelude to the new season tune in on Sunday, October 1 at 8.30pm to the special *A Place To Call Home - The Story So Far* and look back at the much-loved drama and take an exclusive look at season 5.

*A Place to Call Home* Season 5 will screen Sundays from October 8 at 8.30pm on showcase and will be available to watch from Foxtel's on demand library, or streamed on demand on Foxtel's streaming service, Foxtel Now.

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