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Groundbreaking new series *Court Justice: Sydney* to premiere on Crime + Investigation

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A ground-breaking new observational documentary series, *Court Justice: Sydney* will premiere exclusively on Foxtel's Crime + Investigation network in the second half of 2017.

For the first time on Australian television, cameras have been allowed inside one of the world's busiest local courts, The Downing Centre in Sydney, taking viewers to the absolute front line of Australia's legal system.

Produced by CJZ for Foxtel, this fascinating 10 x 30 minute series will give viewers an exclusive behind-the-scenes look in to the daily dramas facing the courts' Magistrates, as they preside over a vast array of cases from drug matters and drink driving, to assault, theft and vandalism.

The 12 magistrates that preside at The Downing Centre lead by Chief Magistrate Judge Graeme Henson handle over 30,000 cases every year, from minor traffic offences to major assaults. It is a world filled with emotion and drama where defendants, ranging from habitual offenders to everyday citizens who have made a bad mistake, stream through the courtroom doors every day.

Foxtel's General Manager for Factual, Jim Buchan, said: "It's been an incredible opportunity gaining unprecedented access to The Downing Centre Local court. In creating a series that captures the real life drama of the court room, our audience will not only be fascinated to see how justice is served, they will also see illuminated the important problems, issues and questions of morality that exist within our modern society."

Judge Henson said: "Research shows confidence in the criminal justice system is higher among people who understand how it works and this program will give the community an insight into how magistrates make their decisions."

Said Executive Producer for CJZ, Michael Cordell, "Gaining television access to our courts is one of the last frontiers of observational filmmaking in Australia. We've seen a lot of police shows, ambulance shows and the like, but we rarely get a chance to observe what happens in our courts, which are critical to the way society functions."

Court Justice: Sydney is a 10 x 30 minute series and will also be available to stream on Foxtel Play. It is produced by CJZ and is exclusive to Foxtel's Crime + Investigation network.

About crime + investigation

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The logo for Foxtel, featuring the word "FOXTEL" in a bold, sans-serif font. The letters are primarily black, with the "O" and "X" having a gradient from orange to red.

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