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THE REAL HOUSEWIVES OF MELBOURNE

Season Three

Premieres Sunday February 21 at 8:30pm

Pour yourself a martini, reach for your Birkin bag and get ready to party in style! ***The Real Housewives of Melbourne*** are back with outrageous accusations, scandalous gossip, heartfelt moments, bigger bling and jaw-dropping surprises along the way, premiering Sunday February 21 at 8:30pm only on Foxtel's Arena.

Returning for season three are **Chyka Keebaugh, Gamble Breaux, Gina Liano, Jackie Gillies, Janet Roach, Lydia Schiavello** and **Pettifleur Berenger**. This season they are joined by Melbourne socialite and country girl turned Toorak Housewife, **Susie McLean**.

These women are not your ordinary Housewives and certainly enjoy the lavish, pampered and cultured lifestyle of Melbourne, making no excuse for the life of luxury they lead. Successful women in their own right, this group of highly opinionated, strong-willed Housewives are not afraid to tell it like it is.

When it comes to style and glamour Melbourne is the jewel in Australia's crown. It's the city where fashion, food and culture reign supreme. But relationships in this high society are like four seasons in one day, fine one minute, stormy the next. And Melbourne's *Housewives* know that they had better be careful because it's a long way to fall.

This entertaining 11-part one hour soap-doc provides an insider view of the lifestyles of the wealthy and extravagant women with a revealing insight into their world. With a backdrop of exotic settings and high-end events, nothing is off limits as the Housewives navigate love, family, marriage, fidelity, babies, health and friendship. Popular family members are back including Chyka's husband Bruce and children Chessie & BJ, Jackie's husband Ben, Gamble's new husband Rick, Lydia's husband Andrew, and of course her pampered pooch Figaro.

Season three begins with flowing champagne and delicious treats as the Housewives catch up on all the gossip in recent months. Jackie and Janet attend Chyka's regular book club where they are introduced to Chyka's good friend Susie. Susie knows many of the Housewives very well; one of them perhaps not in a good way. Across town, Lydia and Pettifleur are also catching up and the hot topic of conversation is Gamble and her

comments about Pettifleur's book. With ears burning Gamble and Rick are enjoying their new home while discussing their upcoming wedding. Meanwhile Gina's had to hire a personal assistant, Josh, to help with her many brand commitments. By the time everyone catches up at Susie's for a wholesome baking day, the temperature is soaring and not just in the kitchen. Pettifleur sums it up '*it's kill or be killed*'.

Now in its third season, the series has made household names of Melbourne's Housewives and catapulted them into the spotlight with the series becoming Foxtel's highest rating reality production at the time of launch. The series has become an international hit and was the first franchise outside of the US to screen primetime on Bravo, as well as screening on ITVBe in the UK.

The Real Housewives of Orange County is the series that started the *Real Housewives* franchise which has now spawned series in the cities of Miami, New York, New Jersey, Atlanta, Beverly Hills, Washington DC, Dallas, Potomac and Vancouver which screen on Arena the home of Housewives. Other *Housewives* series include Israel, Athens and France.

Produced by Matchbox Pictures, part of NBCUniversal International Television Production, in conjunction with Foxtel, *The Real Housewives of Melbourne* is the first Australian instalment of the world's number one lifestyle reality franchise.

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