

# OUTBACK WRANGLER SEASON 3 ANNOUNCED

AUSSIE CHOPPER PILOT & ANIMAL RESCUER MATT WRIGHT RETURNS TO  
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC THIS DECEMBER  
PROTECTING AUSTRALIA'S GIANT CROCS FROM HUMAN ENCOUNTERS

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**Tuesday 8 August: SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA:** National Geographic today announced the return of helicopter pilot turned animal rescuer, Matt Wright, for Season 3 of Outback Wrangler. Due to premiere first in the world to National Geographic audiences in Australia in December 2017, in Season 3, every episode will see Matt Wright and his mates Jono and Willow catch at least one monster croc! It's dangerous work given crocs have the highest recorded bite force of any animal on earth, but danger comes with the territory.

In the dramatic scenery of Australia's Northern Territory the saltwater crocodile population has been protected for over 40 years. The crocodiles have had time to grow! But the bigger they come, the greater the need to protect these magnificent predators from human encounters.

The 8 x 30mins episodes will follow Matt and his companions as they sweep across the Northern Territory risking life to ensure that wildlife and locals are safe in the relocation of giant crocs.

**Jerry Butterfield**, Fox Networks Group Director of Content and Communications said *"Following two series', hugely successful both locally and internationally, we are thrilled to continue to have Matt Wright as a National Geographic family member. Despite having too many broken bones to count over his career, he has dedicated himself to relocating large animals that find themselves in the wrong place at the wrong time, and we can't wait for audiences in Australia, and around the globe, to witness his latest dangerous adventures and conservation mission"*.

## **Episodes include:**

### **Ep1: Croc Attack at Finnis River**

During the dry season big crocs have become stranded in the dams that scatter the lush paddocks. With the rains approaching, the cattle will return so Matt and the boys need to make sure the dams are free from crocs. But the crocs aren't going without a fight; a 15ft+ croc unexpectedly bites the back of the boat, nearly capsizing them and rattling Willow enough to see him refuse to get off dry land.

### **Ep2: Busting Free**

Mick Jacobi manages a cattle station 70 miles south of Darwin. A big croc is eating a thousand dollars' worth of his cattle each week. He doesn't want to have to shoot the animal, so he puts the call into Matt to catch and relocate it to the croc park. Matt's first attempt fails when the 15ft animal busts free but after reinforcing the trap, they capture the enraged creature just in time.

### **Ep 3: Croc in My Back Yard**

Simon and his wife Lauren own a station 300 miles south of Darwin, right on the bank of the Roper River. During the wet season the river rises 30ft right up to their back door bringing their kids face to snout with some very large crocodiles. Matt sets his traps along the river and catches 4 large crocodiles and sends one giant 15 footer off to the park.

### **Ep 4: Camping With Crocodiles**

Flying Fox Cattle Station is home to tens of thousands of cattle and soil rich in Iron Ore. Mining exploration crews are camped out for weeks on the property, relying on rivers for their water. But that's where the crocodiles live - including one as big as 15ft. Matt is brought in to relocate the crocodiles. They'll eventually find their way back to where they started when the flood waters return, but by then the miners will be gone.

### **Ep 5: A Crocodile's Tail**

Mt Kepler is a cattle station not far to the south of Darwin. For decades there have been stories told of a monster crocodile lurking at the site of an old buffalo abattoir that grew big from feeding off the scraps. With 2-fingered Tommy Nichols (he lost his fingers to a crocodile) from Parks & Wildlife, Matt builds the largest trap he's ever made to catch one of the largest crocodiles caught in Australia.

### **Ep 6: Hunting Grounds Part 1**

In the 1970's when hunting almost wiped out Australia's Saltwater Crocs, Lizzie Downs was popular with hunters for being the place to find huge crocs. Over the past 40 years they've had a chance to re-bound; making work near the water pump and fence lines dangerous - even a boat has been sunk by a more aggressive crocs. At the end of the first week the boys have pulled out 4 x 10ft+ crocs, and a massive 16ft'er. But the job is only half done.

### **Outback Wrangler Season 3 Details:**

- Premiering December 2017 on National Geographic
- Trailer Embed Link:

<iframe width="560" height="315" src="<http://www.nationalgeographic.com.au/embed/?id=5204>" frameborder="0" allowfullscreen></iframe>

- Matt Wright is available for interviews requests

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