

FREE-TO-AIR HIGHLIGHTS

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Sun, 8.30pm, Nine

A massive bushfire threatens Sydney. It hasn't rained for 247 days and a desalination plant has been built off the coast. Welcome to the Sydney of 2013, where Premier Angela Boardman's (Georgie Parker) dodgy deals are poised to surface when journalist Susan Shapiro (Rachael Carpani) smells something pungent. Fire chief David Langmore (Cameron Daddo) struggles to control the blaze that is affecting Michael Francia's (Vince Colosimo) work at the local hospital. Solid Sunday night fare featuring a slew of Aussie stars – Les Hill, Libby Tanner, Bob Morley, Ally Fowler, and Anita Hegh – in supporting roles. Tanner, Hill and Kathryn Beck are standouts.

DANCING WITH THE STARS

Sun, 7.30pm, Seven

Another string of celebrities shuffle across Seven's dance floor as the latest season of the well-worn format debuts. While it may have the faint smelling of moth balls from Somers' departure, the show's return to Sunday night has a new Dance a fresh odour. The show will return dividends.

All eyes will be on the new host, City Homicide's Matt MacPherson. A solid performer on the eye and devoted to his dated routine, MacPherson has keen to prove he was still something to come out of the shadows of a defunct song fest. The show's By his side will be the new judge Sonia Kruger. Set to s...