From: Ben Latimer
To: Ben Latimer
Subject: FW: For review: Autistic AF with Grace Tame media release
Date: Monday, 25 May 2026 12:01:55 PM
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From: Ben Latimer s 47F @abc.net.au>
Date: Monday, 25 May 2026 at 8:00 am
To: Ben Latimer s 47F @abc.net.au>
Subject: FW: For review: Autistic AF with Grace Tame media release

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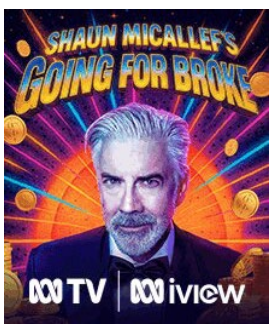
From: Angela Scrymgour s 47F @abc.net.au>
Date: Friday, 22 May 2026 at 2:37 pm
To: Ben Latimer s 47F @abc.net.au>
Cc: s 47F @abc.net.au>
Subject: FW: For review: Autistic AF with Grace Tame media release

Hi Ben

Just following up to see if you're ok with this release, we're hoping to send to producers under embargo today, ahead of Grace's interviews on Tuesday next week.

Cheers

Ange



Angela Scrymgour
Head of Publicity & Events
audiences
M: s 47F

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From: Angela Scrymgour
Sent: Wednesday, 20 May 2026 5:50 PM

To: Ben Latimer [redacted]@abc.net.au>
Cc: [redacted]@abc.net.au>
Subject: For review: Autistic AF with Grace Tame media release

Hi Ben

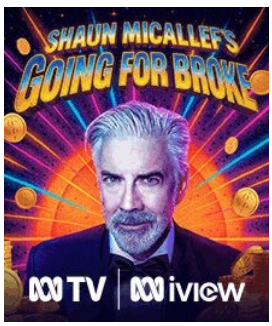
Sharing our release for Grace Tame's podcast: Autistic AF, scheduled for release on 2 June.

We'll include the links morning of launch as they won't be live until then.

Please let me know if you have any feedback.

Cheers

Ange



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Released: 2 June 2026

Grace Tame opens up about autism as host of new ABC podcast: *Autistic AF*



Watch trailer here (add link to video trailer)

The ABC today announced **Autistic AF with Grace Tame**, a powerful new *Ladies, We Need To Talk* podcast premiering Tuesday 2 June on ABC listen *(link to ep 1).*

In this special podcast series, human rights campaigner **Grace Tame** speaks more openly than ever before about being autistic, years of misdiagnoses - including being misdiagnosed with anorexia - and her autism diagnosis at 19.

Combining personal stories with the latest research, *Autistic AF with Grace Tame* explores what life is like for autistic women and gender-diverse people - from late diagnosis, masking and overlooked strengths, to why autistic people often experience poorer health outcomes.

The four-part series opens with Yumi Stynes interviewing Grace, before Grace takes the lead for candid conversations with guests including **Chloe Hayden** (*Heartbreak High*), **Bethany Woodman** (*The Assembly*), and insights from experts including neuroscientist Dr Gina Rippon.

Grace Tame says, “Like too many fellow autistic women and gender diverse people, I’ve spent most of my life trying to fit into an often-unwelcoming world that I don’t fully understand. That is why I am thrilled to be working on this miniseries about women and girls’ unique experiences of autism, which until recently didn’t even feature in research, let alone the public discourse. I hope it opens hearts and minds, breaks down barriers, answers questions, provokes curiosity, and resonates with autistic and neurotypical listeners alike.”

Autistic AF with Grace Tame is a collaboration between ABC Audio Studios podcast *Ladies, We Need To Talk* and the Radio National Science Unit.

Autistic AF with Grace Tame is available on ABC listen (link) and wherever you get your podcasts, with the first episode video podcast also available on ABC iview (link) and ABC's YouTube channel (link).

Production credit: Commissioned by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. Hosted by Grace Tame. Produced by Emma Morris. Mixed by Ann-Marie DeBettencor. ABC Executive Producers: Tamar Cranswick, Alex Lollback and Eric George. ABC Head of Audio On Demand Jessica Radburn.

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From: Ben Latimer
To: Freya Campbell; Laura Todd
Subject: Re: Grace Tame
Date: Tuesday, 2 June 2026 12:21:43 PM
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Stand-by I'm making a couple of comments too

From: Freya Campbell s 47F @abc.net.au>
Date: Tuesday, 2 June 2026 at 12:20 pm
To: Laura Todd s 47F @abc.net.au>; Ben Latimer s 47F @abc.net.au>
Subject: Re: Grace Tame

Thanks Laura.

See my tracked changes.

If you are both fine with edits to the statement, I will run it past Hugh before you share with Jess.

Cheers.

Freya

From: Laura Todd s 47F @abc.net.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 2 June 2026 12:16
To: Ben Latimer s 47F @abc.net.au>; Freya Campbell s 47F @abc.net.au>
Subject: RE: Grace Tame

Resharing updated statement and talking points.

Autistic AF LAEs 052026.docx

If you're both happy, I'll get Jess Radburn across the final and distribute to program team.

Cheers,
Laura

From: Laura Todd
Sent: Tuesday, 2 June 2026 11:47 AM
To: Ben Latimer s 47F @abc.net.au>; Freya Campbell s 47F @abc.net.au>
Subject: RE: Grace Tame

Aus also running it here:

https://links.streem.com.au/the-australian-20260602-ex51GbaIO93iPUmhBhkhrXRdOj

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From: Laura Todd
Sent: Tuesday, 2 June 2026 11:34 AM
To: Ben Latimer s 47F @abc.net.au>; Freya Campbell s 47F @abc.net.au>
Subject: Grace Tame

FYI

Grace Tame given a taxpayer-funded job at the ABC - just months after revealing she struggled to find work after her comments about October 7 | Daily Mail Online

I haven't had anyone reach out to me.

Attached are the statement and lines I have written. Ben and Jess have seen.

ABC

Laura Todd
Communications Lead, Audio

M: s 47F

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Autistic AF with Grace Tame – Lines against inquiry

Statement:

Grace Tame is a high-profile public figure and former Australian of the Year who has spoken openly about her experience as an autistic woman and has advocated on neurodivergent issues.

The ABC has been working with Ms Tame on this series since late 2025.

The purpose of this series is to explore the diversity of lived experience among women and gender diverse people with autism in Australia and includes a range of contributors.

The ABC rejects the views made by Grace Tame about 7 October.

Why did the ABC use Grace Tame for this series?

Grace Tame is a high-profile public figure and former Australian of the Year who has spoken openly about her experience as an autistic woman and has advocated on neurodivergent issues.

When did the ABC begin working with Ms Tame on this series?

The ABC has been working with Ms Tame on this series since late 2025.

Does Ms Tame's speak about her views on Israel/Gaza?

No. The focus of this program is on autism.

Does the ABC support the view Ms Tame expressed about the war in the Middle East and the events of October 7?

Ms Tame's inclusion in the program does not represent endorsement of her views.

The ABC rejects the views made by Grace Tame about 7 October.

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From: Freya Campbell
To: Ben Latimer
Cc: Laura Todd
Subject: Re: Comment on Grace Tame joining the ABC
Date: Tuesday, 2 June 2026 12:48:04 PM

Done.

Freya

From: Ben Latimer s 47F @abc.net.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 2 June 2026 12:46
To: Freya Campbell s 47F @abc.net.au>
Cc: Laura Todd s 47F @abc.net.au>
Subject: Re: Comment on Grace Tame joining the ABC

Could we also share with Mark Tapley as an FYI

From: Freya Campbell s 47F @abc.net.au>
Date: Tuesday, 2 June 2026 at 12:35 pm
To: Ben Latimer s 47F @abc.net.au>
Cc: Laura Todd s 47F @abc.net.au>
Subject: Fw: Comment on Grace Tame joining the ABC

Hi Ben

s 47F has asked for and received the statement.

Cheers.

Freya

From: Laura Todd s 47F @abc.net.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 2 June 2026 12:32
To: Freya Campbell s 47F @abc.net.au>; Sally Jackson s 47F @abc.net.au>
Subject: RE: Comment on Grace Tame joining the ABC

Done.

For both of your reference:

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Cheers,
Laura

From: Freya Campbell s 47F @abc.net.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 2 June 2026 12:27 PM
To: Sally Jackson s 47F @abc.net.au>; Laura Todd s 47F @abc.net.au>
Subject: Re: Comment on Grace Tame joining the ABC

Hi Laura

Can you please send our approved statement?

Cheers.

Freya

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From: Ben Latimer s 47F [redacted] @abc.net.au>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 4:23:06 PM
To: Freya Campbell s 47F [redacted] @abc.net.au>; Gavin Fang s 47F [redacted] @abc.net.au>
Subject: FW: Charlie comments

Fyi

From: Laura Todd s 47F [redacted] @abc.net.au>
Date: Tuesday, 2 June 2026 at 4:09 pm
To: Ben Latimer s 47F [redacted] @abc.net.au>
Subject: Fwd: Charlie comments

Sent from my iPhone

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> **From:** Shelley Hadfield s 47F [redacted] @abc.net.au>
> **Date:** 2 June 2026 at 3:53:56 pm AEST
> **To:** Anthony Frangi s 47F [redacted] @abc.net.au>, Laura Todd s 47F [redacted] @abc.net.au>
> **Subject: Charlie comments**
>
> Hi Anthony and Laura,

I just wanted you to be across this.

In the spirit of generating interesting and surprising content, Charlie Pickering went outside the building to chat to the right-wing protesters today to try to get some vox pops.

Charlie was ambushed by Avi Yemini, a right-wing commentator, who asked Charlie some questions, including about the Grace Tame podcast. They have now posted a video of Charlie and played up his comments quite a bit in the headline. It is here: "IT'S PROBLEMATIC": ABC star Charlie Pickering turns on own network over Grace Tame hire - Rebel News

I just wanted to get you ahead of this.

Cheers



Shelley Hadfield
774 ABC Radio Melbourne local manager
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