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Outback House is the story of the men and women who built Australia. The courageous entrepreneurs who, throughout the 19th century, ventured into the unexplored wilderness of Australia's outback with dreams of making their fortune.

Called Squatters, in search of grazing land they pushed beyond the first colony of New South Wales to conquer a dry and unforgiving land. They created a thriving textile industry that supplied the world with wool. But in doing so they risked their savings, their homes and even their lives.

Like his 19th century counterpart, our latter-day Squatter is an enterprising risk taker. With luck he'll succeed to find his place in the world of the Australian gentry, called the Squattocracy.

That's the challenge for our Squatter as he and his workers travel back in time to 1861 where they spend three months running a sheep station, exactly as their forebears did. Using only the tools of the time, these modern day pioneers cope with the heat, the dust, the sheer hard work and the isolation, in a world without running water, electricity and technology.

Through the experiences of our participants, the series explores the myth and the reality of squatter life and captures all the hardships and the triumphs in an unforgettable journey for both audiences and participants alike.

Revealing the history of pastoral Australia as never before, *Outback House* is compelling drama rich in story-telling, lavish in production values and absorbing and engaging in its characters.

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