THE SANCTUARY

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A billionaire fugitive. A luxury island. An army of endangered birds. What could possibly go wrong?

Hunter Malone (Adam Pally) is an American billionaire man-child and tech entrepreneur, blessed with mischievous charm and New Zealand citizenship. When Hunter's latest tech venture is accidentally sold to a Russian-affiliated private military company, Hunter is charged with treason by the FBI.

Short on cash and friends, Hunter cuts a deal – he offers to have his lavish island converted to a bird sanctuary by the Department of Conservation, in exchange for letting him stay.

Soon his luxury playground is overrun by conservationists, endangered birds and the increasingly bizarre rules of wildlife management.

As the DOC team steadily takes over, Hunter finds himself battling workplace politics, environmental regulations and people who care far more about birds than his billions.

Globally recognised comedy talent is in front of and behind the camera – with the cast led by Adam Pally (*Sonic the Hedgehog, The Mindy Project, Happy Endings*) and featuring Rachel Bilson (*Hart of Dixie, The O.C.*) and Nish Kumar (*The Mash Report*), and the series scripted by Joseph Moore (*SNL UK, Guy Montgomery's Spelling Bee, Taskmaster NZ*), Laura Daniel (*Jono and Ben, Funny Girls*) and Nic Sampson (*Starstruck, Baby, Done*).

Combining a spectacular New Zealand setting with a uniquely Kiwi comic voice and broad international appeal,*The Sanctuary* brings the familiar ensemble dynamics of a workplace sitcom to a completely unconventional workplace. The coming together of this unlikely community will resonate with audiences who love the ensemble warmth and workplace chaos of *Parks & Recreation, Brooklyn Nine-Nine* and *The Office.*

GENRE
COMEDY

EPISODES & DURATION
S1: 8 x 30'

PRODUCTION COMPANY
KEVIN & CO PRODUCTION

TX DATE
7 APR 2027 (CONFIDENTIAL)

EPISODES



EPISODE 1 | PILOT

When tech-billionaire Hunter Malone is accused of treason, he high-tails to his private island in New Zealand to lay low. Hunter's island escape is de-railed when a group of salt-of-the-earth conservation workers arrive to convert the island into a bird sanctuary.



EPISODE 2 | PEST CONTROL

The Department of Environment & Conservation (D.E.C.) team's plans to clean up the island turn into a treacherous dog-hunt, when they discover Hunter's terminator-like 'Bot Dog' has been wreaking havoc on the islands wildlife.



EPISODE 3 | CLEAN UP

Rochelle takes drastic measures to clean up the island when she over-promises to MP, Gary about being two weeks ahead of schedule. Hunter enlists the help of Adrian and who he believes to be Ed Sheeran, to create a 'reputation saving' song. Meanwhile the Russian assassin targetting Hunter is closing in on him.



EPISODE 4 | THE GAME

The team prepare for the arrival of the Takahē chicks, while Hunter hosts his annual billionaires-only party. But when nobody but his island-neighbour Vijay shows up, the D.E.C. team ditch Rochelle's lame party and join him. Things get out when Hunter pulls out 'the world's most exclusive board game'.



EPISODE 5 | MATING

When Rochelle's ex and a hurricane of the same name steam-roll through the island, cabin fever kicks in. Vinnie struggles to get the Takahē to mate. Mira loses her rose-tinted glasses for Vinnie, and Rochelle enlists the help of Hunter to keep her ex Leanne distracted.



EPISODE 6 | SUPPLY RUN

Eggs have been laid, and the team head over to the mainland for a supply-run, where Mira has a date lined up with a mystery-man. Back on the island, a feuding Rochelle and Hunter get locked in the sauna and through sweat and tears, are forced to reconcile their beef.



EPISODE 7 | PARENTAL CARE

A devastated Hunter escapes into his virtual reality world to deal with the pain of mistakingly crushing one of the eggs he had designated his child. Rochelle and Vinnie follow him into the void to rescue him and prepare him for tomorrow's press visit with Gary and the deputy Prime Minister.



EPISODE 8 | OFFICIAL VISIT

Hunter is captured by the Russian assassin Vapor, so the team do their best to stall the press visit while he is MIA. Rochelle takes it upon herself to find him, and when she does an unexpected villain is revealed.

KEY CAST

ADAM PALLY | HUNTER



Adam Pally is an American actor, comedian and producer best known for ABC comedy *Happy Endings* and *The Mindy Project*. Recent credits include Peacock's *Mr. Throwback*, Netflix's *FUBAR,* Paramount's *Sonic the Hedgehog* franchise and *Knuckles*, alongside film roles in Marvel's *Iron Man 3* and *Dirty Grandpa*.

RACHEL BILSON | MIND (AI SYSTEM)



Rachel Bilson is an American actor best known for her breakout role as Summer Roberts in hit series *The O.C.*. Her television credits include *Hart of Dixie, How I Met Your Mother, Chuck* and *Nashville*. Her film credits include Doug Liman's sci-fi thriller *Jumper* and romantic comedy-drama *The Last Kiss*.

NISH KUMAR | VIJAY



Nish Kumar is an award-winning British comedian, actor and television presenter. His screen credits include *Taskmaster, Live at the Apollo, Have I Got News for You, QI, Mock the Week* and *8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown*. He has also hosted BBC Radio 4's *The News Quiz* and topical comedy series *Spotlight Tonight*.

KEY CAST

LAURA DANIEL | ROCHELLE

Laura Daniel is an award-winning New Zealand actor and comedian whose screen credits include feature films *The Breaker Upperers* and *A Kiwi Christmas*, comedy series *Funny Girls* and *Jono & Ben*, and television dramas *The Brokenwood Mysteries* and *My Life Is Murder*. She is also a regular on *7 Days*.



VINNIE BENNETT | VINNIE

Vinnie Bennett is a New Zealand actor whose international credits include *Fast & Furious 9*, in which he portrayed a younger Vin Diesel, and MTV's *The Shannara Chronicles*, BBC America's *Tatau* and DreamWorks' *Ghost in the Shell.* He received the TIFF Rising Star award for his performance in feature film *Human Traces* and starred in AMC's *Black Snow*.



MADELEINE SAMI | LEANNE

Madeleine Sami is an award-winning New Zealand actor whose film credits include *Eagle vs Shark, What We Do in the Shadows, Slow West, Come to Daddy* and *The Breaker Upperers*. Her television credits include *Top of the Lake, Deadloch, Our Flag Means Death, Outrageous Fortune* and *My Life Is Murder*.



MIRABAI PEASE | MIRA

Mirabai Pease is a New Zealand actor whose international screen credits include Warner Bros' horror feature *Evil Dead Rise*. Her television roles include Netflix series *The Gulf*, crime drama *Black Hands, Head High* and long-running series *Shortland Street*. She currently stars in *The Brokenwood Mysteries* and *A Remarkable Place to Die*.



KEY CAST

PETER ELLIOTT | DENNIS



Peter Elliott is an established New Zealand actor with a career spanning more than 40 years. His television credits include pioneering soap *Gloss, Outrageous Fortune prequel Westside* and *A Remarkable Place to Die*. He won Best Supporting Actor at the 2009 New Zealand Film & Television Awards for his performance in biopic *Until Proven Innocent*.

INDY URBAN | ADRIAN



Indy Urban is an emerging New Zealand actor whose screen credits include feature films *Star Trek Beyond* and *Mortal Kombat 2*. With interests spanning music and sport, he brings a range of creative pursuits to his work on screen. He is continuing to build his screen career, bringing youthful energy and a strong creative foundation to each new role.

GUY MONTGOMERY | GARY

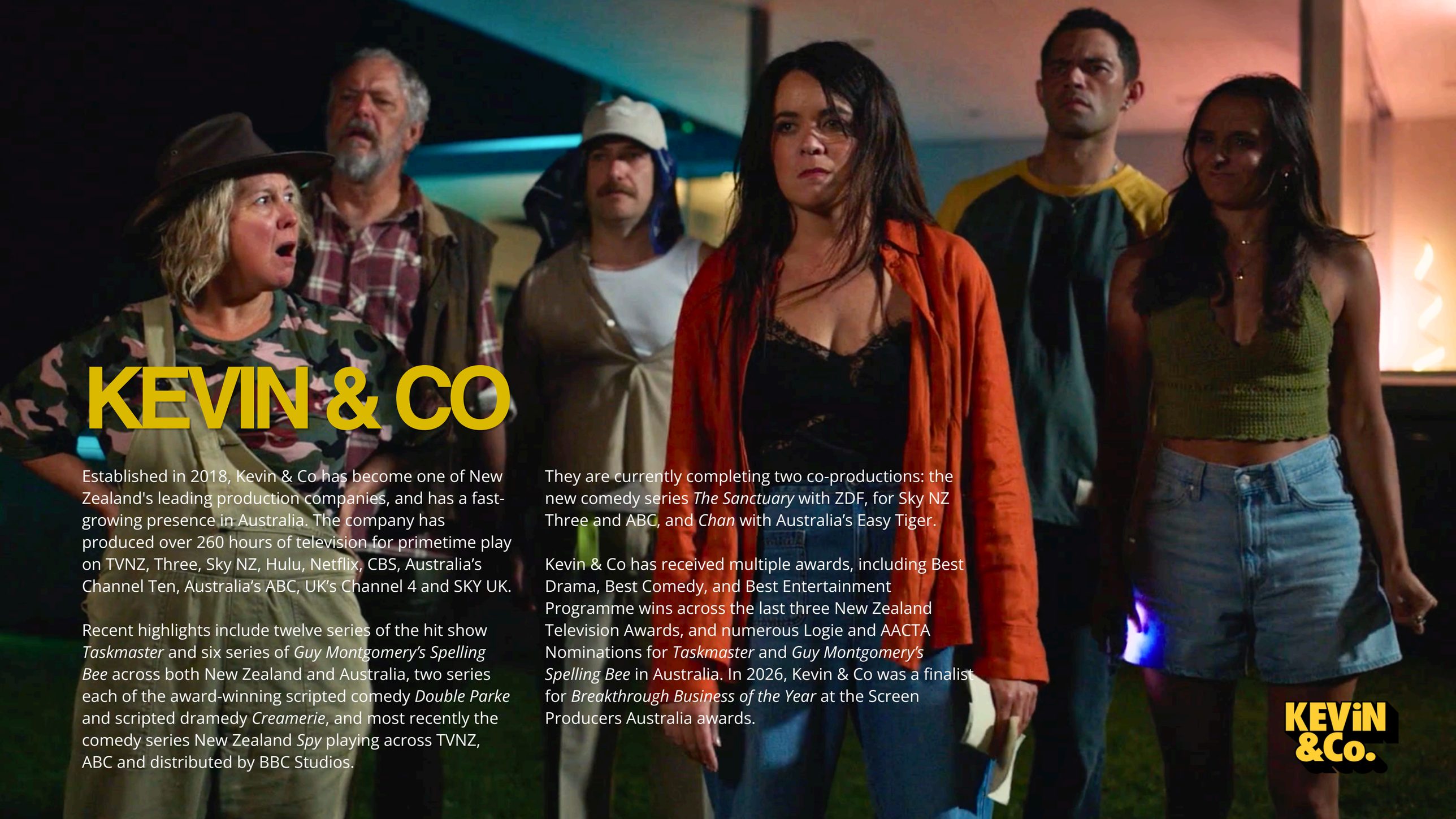


Guy Montgomery is an award-winning New Zealand comedian, writer and television presenter. His screen credits include Comedy Central US, Taskmaster, Thank God You're Here and Have You Been Paying Attention?. He created and hosts hit comedy panel show Guy Montgomery's Guy Mont-Spelling Bee, which has aired across New Zealand and Australia.

JODIE RIMMER | TORY



odie Rimmer is an established New Zealand actor whose screen credits include international series Young Hercules, acclaimed feature film In My Father's Den, and television dramas The Strip and Filthy Rich. More recently, she starred in dark comedy Nicola Cheeseman Is Back, adding to an extensive career across film and television.



KEVIN & CO

Established in 2018, Kevin & Co has become one of New Zealand's leading production companies, and has a fast-growing presence in Australia. The company has produced over 260 hours of television for primetime play on TVNZ, Three, Sky NZ, Hulu, Netflix, CBS, Australia's Channel Ten, Australia's ABC, UK's Channel 4 and SKY UK.

Recent highlights include twelve series of the hit show *Taskmaster* and six series of *Guy Montgomery's Spelling Bee* across both New Zealand and Australia, two series each of the award-winning scripted comedy *Double Parke* and scripted dramedy *Creamerie*, and most recently the comedy series New Zealand *Spy* playing across TVNZ, ABC and distributed by BBC Studios.

They are currently completing two co-productions: the new comedy series *The Sanctuary* with ZDF, for Sky NZ Three and ABC, and *Chan* with Australia's Easy Tiger.

Kevin & Co has received multiple awards, including Best Drama, Best Comedy, and Best Entertainment Programme wins across the last three New Zealand Television Awards, and numerous Logie and AACTA Nominations for *Taskmaster* and *Guy Montgomery's Spelling Bee* in Australia. In 2026, Kevin & Co was a finalist for *Breakthrough Business of the Year* at the Screen Producers Australia awards.

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KEY CREATIVES



LAURA DANIEL | CREATOR, WRITER

Laura Daniel is a New Zealand actor, comedian and writer whose credits include comedy series *Jono and Ben* and *Funny Girls*, which she co-created and starred in alongside Rose Matafeo.

She is a regular on *Taskmaster* NZ, *7 Days* and *Have You Been Paying Attention?*, and has appeared in *The Brokenwood Mysteries, My Life Is Murder* and *Vince*. Now based in the UK, Laura has co-written comedy songs for the debut season of *Saturday Night Live UK.*



JOSEPH MOORE | CREATOR, WRITER

Joseph Moore is a New Zealand comedian, writer and television director based in London.

His writing credits include F*unny Girls, Jono & Ben, Taskmaster NZ, Taskmaster Australia* and Guy Montgomery's *Guy Montgomery's Spelling Bee*.
He is a Senior Writer on *Saturday Night Live UK* and has also written for *The Amazing World of Gumball*. His directing credits include comedy series *Funny Girls* and acclaimed documentary series *New Zealand Today.*



NIC SAMPSON | CO-WRITER

Nic Sampson is a New Zealand writer, actor and comedian whose writing credits include BBC3/HBO Max comedy *Starstruck*, created by and starring Rose Matafeo, and detective drama *The Brokenwood Mysteries*, on which he also starred as D.C. Sam Breen for seven seasons.

He co-created sitcom *Golden Boy* and was head writer of *Jono and Ben*. Screen credits also include Netflix films *The Breaker Upperers* and *Baby, Done,* and International Emmy Award-winning *Inside*.

KEY CREATIVES



MADELEINE SAMI | DIRECTOR

Madeleine Sami is an award-winning New Zealand actor, writer and director. Her film credits include *Eagle vs Shark, What We Do in the Shadows, Slow West* and *Come To Daddy*, alongside her own feature film *The Breaker Upperers*, acquired by Netflix International.

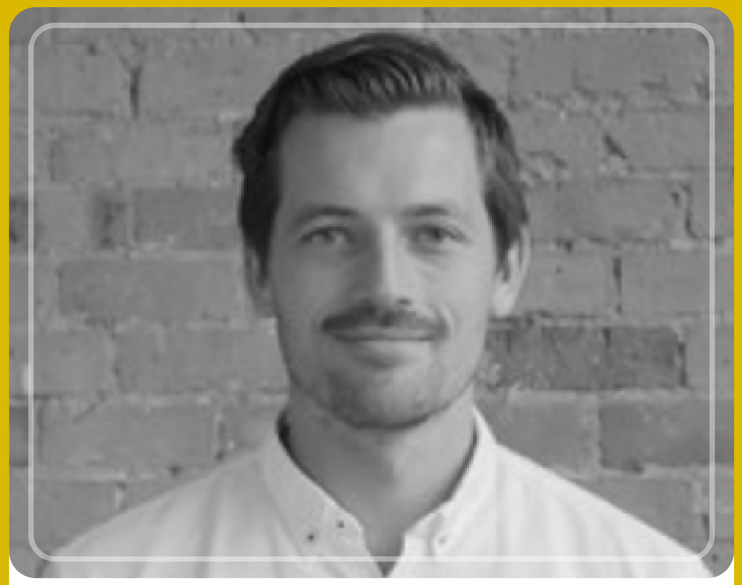
On television, she has appeared in *Top of the Lake, Deadloch* and *Our Flag Means Death*. Madeleine co-created, wrote and directed *The Breaker Upperers* and acclaimed comedy series *Super City*.



BRONWYNN BAKKER | PRODUCER

Bronwynn Bakker is an award-winning New Zealand television producer with extensive experience in scripted and unscripted comedy.

She produced long-running comedy series *Jono & Ben* across all seven seasons and female-led sketch series *Funny Girls*. Her subsequent production credits include *Taskmaster NZ* (Seasons 1–3), *New Zealand Today* (Seasons 1–4), *Double Parked, Raised by Refugees* (Seasons 1–2), *Golden Boy* (Seasons 1–2) and *The Citizen's Handbook*.



CAM BAKKER | EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

Cam Bakker is an experienced New Zealand executive producer specialising in comedy.

His scripted credits include *Creamerie, Double Parked, Raised by Refugees* (Seasons 1–2), *Vince* and *Homebound 3.0*. Non-scripted credits include *Taskmaster NZ, Guy Montgomery's Spelling Bee and New Zealand Today* (Seasons 1–4), alongside *New Zealand Tomorrow*. His work spans established comedy formats and original scripted series across New Zealand and Australian television.


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