



# BETWEEN TWO WORLDS

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From the creator of *A Place to Call Home*, *Packed to the Rafters*, *Winners & Losers* and *All Saints*, **BETWEEN TWO WORLDS** is a bold, daring and emotionally gripping Australian drama starring acclaimed British actress **HERMIONE NORRIS** (*Luther*, *Cold Feet*), **PHILIP QUAST** (*Picnic At Hanging Rock*, *Hacksaw Ridge*), **SARA WISEMAN** (*A Place to Call Home*) and **AARON JEFFERY** (*McLeod's Daughters*).



Cate Walford's (Hermione Norris) marriage to vicious business tycoon husband Phillip Walford (Philip Quast) is on the rocks and she is trapped in a tangled web of lies and manipulation.

But through a shocking twist of fate, this dark and ruthless world collides with the seemingly disparate and disconnected, warm and loving world of widow Sophia Grey (Sara Wiseman) and her two children. Soon, destructive secrets are unearthed proving nothing is quite as it first may appear.

**BETWEEN TWO WORLDS** is an intense, high concept melodrama about two very different worlds, thrown together by death and a sacrifice in one and the chance for a new life in the other. These two worlds will never be the same again, as they finally merge and become one.



# The Cast

## Phillip Walford

The head of an inherited business empire with holdings across media, mining and property. Phillip is the product of the bullying and domination of his highly successful father. He has hardened over the years to see the world as an enemy to overcome and conquer.

*"Phillip has the ability to zero in on any weakness of an opponent and exploit it to his own ends. Revenge is not something alien to him."* - Philip Quast

## Philip Quast

One of the most versatile actors in Australia, Philip Quast has acted, sung and danced his way through Australia's greatest productions.

The multi-award winning actor boasts nearly four decades in film, television and stage; taking home the Laurence Olivier Award for Best Actor in a Musical three times.

He won his first Olivier Award playing Georges in The National Theatre's production of *Sunday in the Park with George*; a second as Graham in Sam Mendes' production of *The Fix* at the Donmar Warehouse; and his third as Emile de Becque in *South Pacific* at The National Theatre, London.

Throughout his career, the acclaimed 'triple threat' has divided his time between London and Australia.

He recently returned home after performing in the critically acclaimed production of *Follies* at London's National Theatre.



# The Cast

## Cate Walford

A bitter and lonely trophy wife, Cate Walford has the pampered and manicured precision of a top socialite, but is deeply unhappy and is often in the arms of other men. Despite her hatred of her husband, she misses the Phillip she first fell in love with.

*"Cate is stuck in an ivory tower, but she is shielding considerable vulnerability beneath her hard cool veneer."*  
- Hermione Norris

## Hermione Norris

Hermione Norris' extensive television credits include the hugely successful, long-running comedy/drama *Cold Feet*, for which she was nominated for a British Comedy Award.

Her other credits include the highly acclaimed contemporary drama *Innocent*, *Luther* alongside Idris Elba, *In The Club*, *Agatha Raisin*, *Doctor Who*, *The Crimson Field*, *Marple: A Caribbean Mystery*, *A Mother's Son*, *Outcasts*, *Bouquet of Barbed Wire*, *Kingdom* (three series), *Spooks* (four series), for which she won a Best Actress Award at the ITV Crime Thriller Awards for her role as Ros, *The Kindness of Strangers* and *Wire In The Blood* (series 2 and 3).

She has also starred in the feature films *Love Of My Life*, *Separate Lives*, *Quicksand*, *Born Romantic* and *Mad Cows*.

Theatre roles include *Blithe Spirit* (West End), *Blinded By The Sun* (Royal National Theatre), *Reader* (Traverse Theatre), *Look Back In Anger* and *Charley's Aunt* (Royal Exchange Theatre) and *September Tide* (Comedy Theatre).



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## Bart Walford

Bart Walford is the confused, disturbed and cynical son of the Walford family. Despite presenting as full of self-confidence, he is still very much in his father's shadow, a father he hates in so many ways, but whose approval is of the greatest importance.

*"Bart has incredible obstacles to overcome if he is to break loose from his father to become the man he wants to be."*  
- Tom Dalzell

## Tom Dalzell

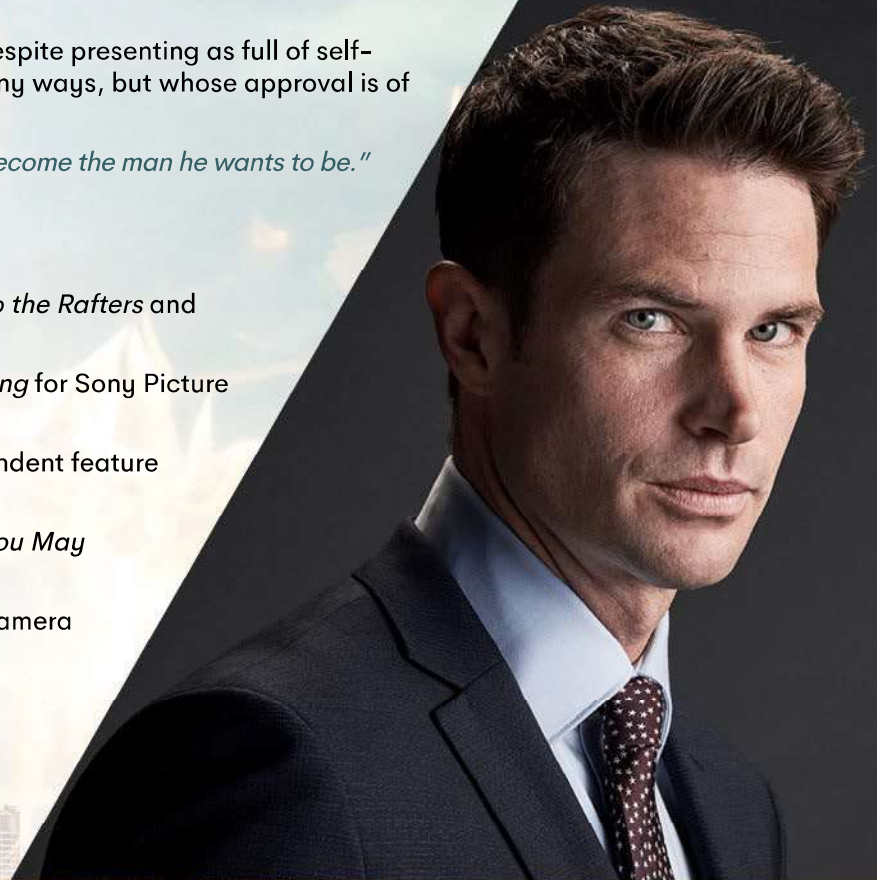
Tom Dalzell's television credits includes roles on hit Australian TV series *Packed to the Rafters* and *Wonderland*.

He also had a semi-regular role in the Playmaker Media produced series *Reckoning* for Sony Picture Network Channels worldwide.

Tom's feature film credits include leading roles in the Mc Brat Productions independent feature *Pop-Up* and the Honeysuckle Films' indie *Drunk*.

He has also appeared in numerous short films: *Meant for Me*, *The Vault*, *People You May Know* and *The White Shirt*.

Tom has completed a three-year Advanced Screen Acting Course with the On-Camera Studio, as well as courses at the Actors Pulse and NIDA.



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## Sophia Grey

Sophia Grey is a warm and decent woman. She is a single mother to Danny and Bella, and works in a pre-school day care centre. She seems to be the perfect widow, but no one is ever perfect.

*"Sophia's world is turned upside down when she is forced to re-evaluate her children. This makes her question the whole basis of her life." - Sara Wiseman*

## Sara Wiseman

Sara Wiseman is a multiple award-winning actress for her critically acclaimed work in both film and television.

Her extensive career in screen and theatre has given her the opportunity to work in both New Zealand and Australia.

Her big break came in 2001 as the lead in *Mercy Peak* as Dr Nicky Somerville, which earned her Best Actress nominations at the 2002, 2003 and 2005 NZ Film and Television Awards.

Alongside her much-loved regular role as Carolyn Duncan in *A Place To Call Home*, other television credits include *Rake* (series 4 and 5), *The Doctor Blake Mysteries*, *Crownies*, *Outrageous Fortune*, *The Cult* and *The Almighty Johnsons*.

She won Best Actress playing suffragette Kate Sheppard in *What Really Happened: The Women's Vote* at the NZ Television Awards in 2012.

On the big screen, Sara has appeared in *Human Traces*, *Nerve*, *Fatal Honeymoon*, *Love Birds*, *Rest for the Wicked* and *Sione's Wedding*.



# The Cast

## Danny Grey

Danny Grey is a very promising professional AFL player; he's handsome, happy go lucky and socially garrulous.

He loves Martina Budd and knows she is the woman he wants to marry. She temperamentally suits him and makes a good show as his WAG. He is blinded to her more pampered princess expectations, as are his family.

As far as the Grey family goes, if the golden-haired heir to Paul's football genes is happy, all is right with the world.

*"Danny is an ambitious AFL player who works hard for his success. However, he tends to take life's blessings for granted. He's got a beautiful girlfriend and family, has his whole life ahead of him, but is not prepared to deal with professional and personal reversals brought on by a health crisis." - Alex Cubis*

## Alex Cubis

Born and raised in Sydney, Alex Cubis graduated Dux of St. Aloysius' College and went on to study Arts/Law at the University of Sydney, where he was a Merit Scholar and editor of the Social Justice Law Review. While studying and working at law firms, he performed on stage at the Seymour Centre, New Theatre and Zenith Theatre.

After signing with his first agent, he quickly won a role on the Netflix Originals kids' series, *Mako Mermaids*, where he played the antagonist Erik across 26 episodes. Other credits in Australia include ABC's *Rake* and *Atomic Kingdom*.

Upon graduating law school, Alex progressed to Los Angeles, working on the TV adaption of *Dear White People*, an incredible film turned TV series that explored millennial race identity at a predominantly white Ivy League college.



# The Cast

## Bella Grey

A proficient piano player, Bella is doing a Masters in Music at the Conservatory and has hopes of a professional musical career.

*"When tragedy strikes, she is forced to reevaluate her future and make important choices about her identity."*  
- Megan Smart

## Megan Smart

Megan Smart graduated from the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts with a Bachelor of Acting in 2016.

During her time at WAAPA, she won a Best Actress award for her work in the short film *Two Girls, One on Each Knee*.

Megan then went on to play Karen in the feature film adaptation of Tim Winton's *Breath*, directed by *The Mentalist* star Simon Baker, which was nominated for Best Film at the 2018 AACTA Awards.

In 2017, she appeared on acclaimed Australian TV series *Love Child* and *The Secret Daughter*, as well as crime drama *Harrow* alongside Ioan Gruffudd.

Megan was an Ambassador at the 2019 Melbourne Film Festival, where her film *Measure for Measure* premiered. Inspired by the Shakespearean play, Megan stars alongside Hugo Weaving playing Jaiwara, a Lebanese Muslim whose romance with loner musician Claudio (Harrison Gilbertson) causes tensions with her family.





# The Cast

## David Starke

David Starke is Paul Grey's former best mate and coach of Danny Grey's AFL team. He lost his wife Cheryl in a car accident three years ago and has bought up his four-year-old daughter Carrie on his own.

Handsome, athletic and decent, he has come to feel for Sophia, but has not shared just how deeply with her.

*"David likes to think he is a modern-day man, but he still has old school values. Sometimes this serves him, but sometimes this causes conflict as he navigates his ever-evolving intimate relationship with Sophia."*

- Aaron Jeffery

## Aaron Jeffery

Aaron Jeffery has built a solid career in film, theatre and television to become one of Australia's most sought-after leading men.

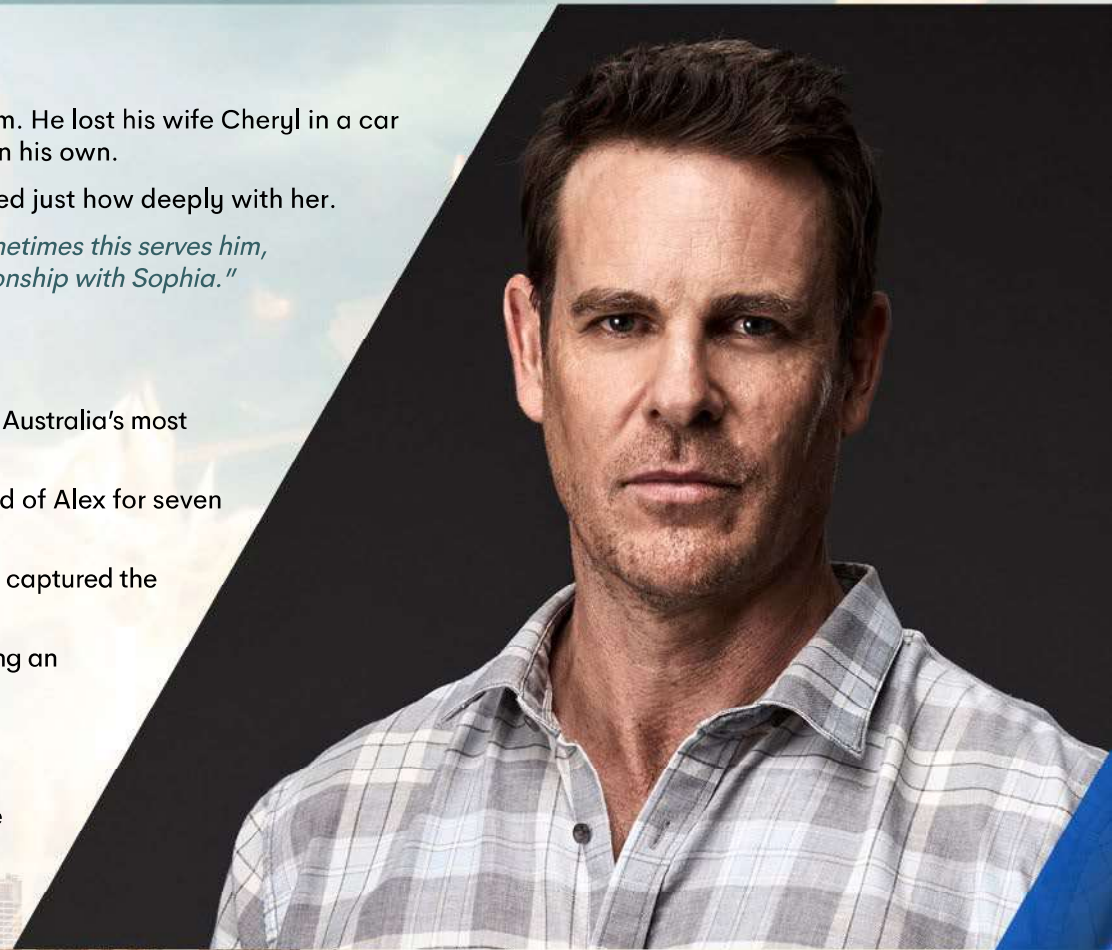
He is renowned for his work on *McLeod's Daughters* where he played the male lead of Alex for seven series.

The role garnered two TV Week Silver Logie Awards for Most Popular Male Actor and captured the hearts of the public both in Australia and internationally.

His work in *Underbelly: Badness* drew exceptional commendation, with Aaron winning an AACTA Award for his performance as bikie turned police informer Frank O'Rourke.

Aaron also starred as prison guard Fletch in three seasons of the critically acclaimed *Wentworth* TV series.

Most recently, he starred in the Rachel Ward-directed feature *Palm Beach* alongside Bryan Brown and Richard E. Grant.



# The Cast

## Georgia Konig

Georgia Konig is the borderline insane product of a controlling relationship with her father. She initially sees Bart Walford as a game of manipulation to be played in a complex plan of revenge. But, she soon comes to love him, in her own twisted way.

*"Georgia is complicated, scheming and dangerous. She is a very confident and intelligent woman and she has used every one of those assets to spin her intricate web of deception."* - Melanie Jarnson

## Melanie Jarnson

Melanie made her TV debut on Australian television drama series *Harrow* alongside Ioan Gruffudd.

Melanie's international experiences as the daughter of a diplomat and journalist made for a colourful childhood across multiple cultures. Her education was framed in the French International School system, which kindled her passion for the arts and equestrian sports.

Melanie chose to attend university in Sydney which she continues to call home and has expanded her craft into music as a songwriter. Melanie is also actively involved in charities and causes including Everylittlebithelps, Youth In Search, Duan Prathet, Color Of Change and Change the Record.



# The Cast

## Sandra Jones

On the surface, Sandra Jones is a wisecracking, easy going, utterly professional nurse, who is one of the very few up to dealing with the patient from hell, Phillip Walford.

The responsibilities arising from her personal burden, a young son severely brain damaged in a skateboard accident, make her vulnerable to being absorbed into the internecine plotting within the Walford world.

*"Sandra is a no-nonsense nurse, single mother and the only person who can handle Phillip Walford. Eventually she is forced to confront the question, 'How far would you be prepared to compromise your ethics to protect your vulnerable child?'" - Blazey Best*

## Blazey Best

One of Australia's most versatile and accomplished actresses Blazey Best has an extensive list of performing credits.

Her recent work in television includes *A Place to Call Home*, critically acclaimed *Rake*, *Janet King*, *The Killing Field* and *Home and Away*.

In film, Blazey has appeared in Brendan Cowell's *Ruben Guthrie*, *Ten Empty*, *West*, *Stealth* and *Powder Burn*.

She has worked with many major theatre companies and was most recently seen in *The Iliad Out Loud* for the Sydney Festival. Last year Blazey made her critically acclaimed directorial debut with Stevie Rodgers' *King Of Pigs*.



# Season One

## EPISODE 1

Phillip Walford, a harsh and extremely wealthy businessman, fights to dominate his family as he faces his mortality. Aspiring footballer Danny Grey's life is changed by a health crisis, forcing his mother Sophia to make a terrible decision which forms a connection between the Walford and Grey worlds.

## EPISODE 2

While Phillip recovers in hospital, Cate makes the most of his absence by escalating her affair with Julian Lee. Bart's passion-driven relationship with Georgia dominates his life. Sophia is shocked to discover her son was selling drugs, leading her to make a controversial decision.

## EPISODE 3

Phillip, puzzled by changes to his character, orders Sandra to find out the name of his donor. Escaping the mounting tensions off the back of her interview, Sophia and Bella get away to a beach shack, where David proposes to her. In their absence, Martina attempts suicide.

## EPISODE 4

After being relentlessly badgered by Phillip, Sandra works with Cate to manipulate him. Georgia schemes with ex-mercenary Mikael Stein, who is fascinated by her toxic amorality. Sophia finds affection and relief from the darkness of the past months when she dines out with David.

## EPISODE 5

Phillip, believing his donor is Danny Grey, creates a charitable foundation to gain proximity to Sophia. The Walford and Grey worlds finally collide. Georgia and Mikael choose the night of the launch for setting her revenge against Bishop Welles in motion.

**Additional episodes to be supplied.**

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# Key Creatives

## Bevan Lee - Creator/Writer

Bevan has been a central figure in Australian television writing for almost 40 years. He is arguably the most successful television writer in Australian television history. He created the long running, multi award winning hospital drama *All Saints* as well as the International Emmy nominated hit *Always Greener*.

He followed these with the hugely successful dramas *Packed to the Rafters*, *Winners & Losers*, and most recently the epic period drama *A Place to Call Home*. It was awarded the Most Outstanding Drama award in the 2017 Australian Logie television awards. It has also been critically lauded by both The Wall Street Journal and The Hollywood Reporter. It is seen in over 120 countries.

Bevan is convinced *Between Two Worlds* is his most compelling and powerful work yet.

## Julie McGauran - Executive Producer

An industrious executive producer, Julie McGauran has helmed numerous top-rating and award-winning Australian drama productions.

Julie's credits include *Home and Away*, *Winners & Losers*, *Packed to the Rafters*, *A Place to Call Home*, *INXS: Never Tear Us Apart*, *Catching Milat*, *The Killing Field*, *Winter*, *Peter Allen: Not The Boy Next Door*, *800 Words*, *Molly*, *Wanted*, *The Secret Daughter*, *Blue Murder: Killer Cop* and *Ms Fisher's Modern Murder Mysteries*.

## Chris Martin-Jones - Series Producer

Chris Martin-Jones has been working in the television industry for over 44 years. He has directed many of Australia's most successful TV dramas including *A Country Practice*, *Home and Away*, *Blue Heelers*, *Water Rats*, *All Saints*, *McLeod's Daughters*, *Sea Patrol*, *Blue Water High*, *Packed to the Rafters* and *A Place to Call Home*. He's also directed many international hit shows such as *Xena Warrior Princess*, *The Beastmaster*, *Spartacus* and the award-winning telemovie *Lawless* for which he won Best Director.

Ten years ago, Chris began producing Australia's number one family drama *Packed to the Rafters*. He followed this up with the thought-provoking crime mini-series *Winter* and then the internationally successful series *A Place to Call Home*, which was listed by The Wall Street Journal as amongst "The World's Best Television of 2015".



# Key Creatives

Lesley Parker	Co Producer
Kriv Stenders	Director (Episodes 1, 2)
Lynn Hegarty	Director (Episodes 3, 4)
Caroline Bell-Booth	Director (Episodes 5, 6)
Beck Cole	Director (Episodes 7, 8)
Michael Hurst	Director (Episodes 9, 10)
Bevan Lee	Writer (Episodes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10)
Trent Atkinson	Writer (Episode 9)
Henry Pierce	DOP
Fiona Donovan	Production Designer
Nina Edwards	Costume Designer
Wizzy Molineaux	Make Up / Hair Designer

