

Conviction

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From all appearances, the Goozee's were your average Aussie family. Three kids and a home Craig and his wife, Lisa, had built in the idyllic beachside community of Avalon. However, there was nothing "average" about Craig or the turn life was about to take for the family of five.

In 1997, shortly following the Wood Royal Commission into police corruption, a NSW task force created Operation GyMEA. This elite group of nine officers was to covertly observe organized crime syndicates.... and to gather intelligence on their networks and the corrupt Police who protected them. Craig who had just led the successful investigation into the North Shore Rapist, Graham Kay, was one of the first officers enlisted to GyMEA.

His undercover work was, as a procedural necessity, always kept secret from Lisa and his young family. Craig's unusual work hours and long absences from home, created its own challenges. Lisa had become used to this and skillfully ran her own domestic operation.

While working on GyMEA, one of the biggest operations of Craig's career, came the biggest blow of the Goozee's lives. Their eldest daughter Jessica, at only eight years old was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer – Ewing Sarcoma. With months ahead of aggressive treatment, the Goozee family had to grow accustomed to a different lifestyle. From here on, days of surveillance of Sydney's most heinous criminals, were followed by visits to the hospital to be with Jessica. Relieving Lisa to return to their two youngest while Craig camped on a cot in the cancer ward. It was chaotic. All the while, Jessica's effervescent sense of mischief and tenacious drive to overcome was keeping the whole Goozee family positive.

Craig is now fighting two simultaneous battles. One to uncover the web of Police corruption and to arrest the criminals they protect, the other, to do everything to save his daughters life. He had years of elite police training to combat crime..... he had no training as a father helping his daughter battle cancer. How could he help his beautiful daughter? There was no manual.... No procedure. He decided to embark on a series of ultra marathons to raise money for Childrens Cancer research and to improve the conditions of the cancer ward he visited everyday.

Craig now had three monumental challenges. How all three corners of this story evolve, interact and finally resolve is suspenseful, dramatic and emotional.

A true story of passion and endurance. Triumph and tragedy.

Story world

This is the story..... of Sydney's criminal underworld just before the turn of the century. Mobile phones are the size of bricks, the internet was primitive and social media did not exist. The methods Craig and his team used to investigate could be described as "old school". Hand's on investigating resulting in dangerous and sometime amusing close encounters.

This is the story..... of a family battling to adjust to their daughters diagnosis and treatment. It's an emotional journey with no road map. The highs and lows test the Goozees with surprising results.

This is the story..... of Australia's most beautiful and unique landscapes. As Craig raises money for Children's Cancer he undertakes several ultra marathons that feature the oceans and beaches of Eastern Australia and the Deserts and wilderness of Western Australia.

Characters

The Family

Craig

Athletic, 32 year old, striking at 6'4", yet a human chameleon, somehow able to blend in to any situation. A loving Father and assured cop, not much rattles Craig. His work life is surrounded by procedure, using unflappable methodology to solve crimes, catch crims and up end corrupt cops. In his mind, with the security of procedure, there is nothing Craig can't fix. Until he hears the words from the family Doctor "Your daughter has cancer". This is a world he can not fathom.

Lisa

Lithe and equally fit as her husband, Lisa, 28, is the backbone of the Goozees, assuring every family operative runs smoothly. The only chink in her armour, her inability to maintain a poker face when the going gets tough.

Jessica

At 8 years old, the spirited boss of the three kids. Jessica's wisdom beyond her age and "Can Do" attitude set the tone for how the whole family are to deal with her treatment - with positivity, and better yet, with fun!

Tim

Jessica's 6 year old accomplice, being subject to his big sister's whims can often get Tim in a wee bit of trouble, but nothing his serious cuteness can't combat. While Tim dotes on his older sister, he probably struggles the most with the change in family routine.

Kylie

Brassy and bold youngest child, 4 year old Kylie is hell bent on keeping up with all of her older siblings machinations - it's just a shame stopping for nap time can sometimes get in the way. Like her older sister, Kylie has a unique independent outlook, which keeps Lisa on her toes.

The Cops**Kim Nikolaides**

Late 30s, with a curious arrogance bred of career success, Kim acts as big sister to Craig. However it's that confidence that can somehow serve to her detriment as she can be inclined to over look certain details at times. Regardless, their work marriage is a well oiled machine and often a determinedly fun one.

Police Commissioner Peter Ryan

Headhunted from the UK, where he was Head of National Police Training, Ryan is at once a model cop and citizen and loving husband.

Bob "Squeaky" Irwin

Clean cut and respectable in appearance, Bob Irwin is anything but - rather he's corrupt to the core and a leader at the helm of a surprising ring of impressionables working on both sides of the law.

"Snidley"

Bob Irwin's sidekick and foil.

The Crooks

Graham James Kay

The North Shore Rapist, 45 years old, deadpan expression belies the sadistic nature hidden only just beneath the surface.

Bill Tracey

Known to Police, 50s with a solid with beer gut, Tracey is well connected with a network spanning NSW and Victoria.

Gary Francisco

Solid and striking at over six feet, Francisco, the Melbourne contingent, a bikie with a handle bar moustache.

Les Kallache

Middle Eastern background, 52 and a fitness fanatic who works out every morning at Giles Gym, Kallache is an absolute character, with a "Way" with the ladies.

Keith Booney

Neddy Smith described Booney as "the hardest man I've ever met", Booney is known for taking a beating, then getting back up, smiling, ready for more.

Richard "Harry" Harris

A huge man at 6'4", Harry was the strength and conditioning coach for the South Sydney Rabbitohs, and career criminal, with a wife and small child.

Glen Flack

Like Teflon, the guy had spent years associated with so many crimes, and yet evaded the law every time, even after half a million in cash was found in his Mum's apartment.

A2B4C Team

Kath Johnson

Lisa's younger sister and Craig's greatest ally, Kath deftly steps in on fundraising duties for Craig after playing backstop for Lisa throughout Jessica's treatment. Kath may seem abrupt at times, but only because practicality takes precedence over emotionality for her.

Ged Johnson

Early 20s, a natural born larrikin and Craig's regular training partner. While Ged appears the soul of "Happy go lucky", his deep dedication and admiration for his brother in law is apparent in his never leaving Craig's side as his ongoing support crew throughout each marathon.

Episode 1

Craig, face awash with zinc, beads of sweat adorning his brow, rhythmically digs one side of his paddle, then the other, into the dark abyss. The metronomy stirring a recollective memory...

Bang, bang, bang - "Police, open up." Craig and colleagues storm an apartment and cuff a man under suspicion of ordering a hit.

Avalon. Lisa deftly swings herself into the kitchen, post run, and takes over breakfast from Craig, assuring the three famished kids their Dad will be home once he rids the fairy kingdom of a few ogres and trolls.

Police Commissioner Ryan addresses the task force before him on the latest events possibly linked to the newly titled North Shore rapist, sullyng Sydney's more elite suburbs.

Craig's surveillance sees him and his team move in on their suspect, but home life gets tense when Lisa exposes her concern over a lump she has discovered in their eldest daughter, Jessica's arm.

Every win important to Craig, the surveillance team take pause to celebrate capturing Graham Kay, (and to mock the poor newbie charged with collecting the evidence - a used condom). But revelry turns to profound dismay when Lisa relays the news she's had to swallow in a surgery, on her own, far away from the comfort of their Northern beaches home. Jessica has been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, and must commence an aggressive treatment regime, immediately.

Episode 2

Tim grills Lisa on her increasing absences, vying for her attention and on Lisa's Mother's guilt as she tries to appease, explaining they have a new routine to get Jessica back to peak health. Three kids in different directions and one undergoing a treatment that has stripped her of hair as well as energy, Lisa is run way more ragged than the relaxing 10km run that smooths out the wrinkles each morning.

Police Commissioner Ryan introduces the team to the new characters in their underworld drama - Bill Tracey and Gary Francisco and sets them to task intercepting precursor drugs on travails from Melbourne to Sydney.

Craig balances days playing the part of omniscient tradie, always there to over hear a plot or plan, and dutiful Dad, asleep by Jessica's side as she tackles the treatment that now has her hair thinning to none. In a turn of tables, it's

Jessica that keeps spirits afloat, with her positive "Can do" attitude and penchant for mischief.

From stake outs outside suspicious drug depositories back to the treatment room, Lisa and Craig develop a tag team and short hand for operating family, work and life. It's when a wanton homemade poo to startle one of the nurses brings about a conversation between Craig and Jess on how to make hospital life fun, that Craig takes note of how little the facilities have to offer, and decides to do something about it.

Craig nudges Lisa early one morning to casually mention he'll be undertaking a 1000km marathon. Her failure to object, given she was still for the most part - asleep, is all the green light Craig needs.

Episode 3

Lisa deftly manages a school drop off, a peek in while Jessica receives treatment and crams in a baby music lesson with Kylie.

All the while Craig and his partner Kim are headed on what looks to be a clandestine rendezvous in a seedy roadside. What in fact occurs is a halfway meet up with the Victorian fuzz to hand over the discreet surveillance convoy spying on Bill Tracey's drug swap at the famed Albury/Wodonga border.

No sooner has said convoy lead Craig and the greater team to a bush cook house and a dynamic arrest, then Craig is back relieving Lisa for her next round of tasks at home, for his next shift in the ward with Jess. Seemingly a well oiled machine, Craig and Lisa have their new routine down pat and have a smile for all whilst operating it, until a freak run in between Craig and a sea urchin sees him arrive back from marathon training several hours later than planned. Never one to begrudge people their lives or activities in them, this particular from the chemo and the two youngest attention, Lisa loses her cool with marathon and it's potential impact.

Worse for wear resultant of tension at home, Craig arrives as summoned for yet another briefing. This time on what was to be the biggest operation of Craig's career - Operation Gynea.

Episode 4

A face, fuelled with mischief gives away the prognosis as Dr Cohn speaks before Craig, Lisa and Jessica. A model patient, she has passed her first round of treatment to great success. But all Jessica is concerned about is whether or not this means she can get on the new water slide at the local pool.

A sturdy morning training session before clocking on for the breakfast rush. Craig has become ever more mindful at home to step up his game whilst at home and lend a hand around the house...much to Lisa's irritation. While she did indeed fray around the edges, once before, what she doesn't need is him under foot, or pandering to her.

Days watching, listening, following Les Kallache and his cohorts such as hard as a rock, Keith Booney, Craig and his team become accustomed to a slick 9-5 business that shuts true to retail hours in order for Kallache to command the intrigue of any of a range of women. Usually to the tune of "Sexual Healing".

Craig training and surveiling, Lisa back to slamming out a ten kilometre run daily, three kids at school and one precocious eldest child holding court at Avalon Public, all seemingly in the realm of normal, carefree existence. Until Lisa, chasing and playing with the three rascals, takes hold of Jess, only to feel something suspicious under the skin once more.

A regular day eyeballing Kallache and the various miscreants utilising a revolving door system to Kallache's apartment on the uptake. A new voice penetrates the air waves. One of unusual authority. Thus far only known as "Squeaky", Craig advises this is someone to take note of. Craig and Lisa back before Dr Cohn regarding Lisa's recent discovery. Lisa's face says it all. The news is not good. Nor is what they are about to ask of their eight year old. But if it means her life...

Episode 5

Kath, Lisa's sister and Craig's campaign manager, fields calls regarding the upcoming marathon for charity, as Tim and Kylie weave their way to the top of the priority list, wanting to know what's going to happen to their sister. As Kath explains, Craig and Lisa watch Jessica being wheeled away in to surgery. They sit silent and forlorn in the hospital cafe, not touching their coffee.

Jessica later stirs from her anaesthetic as Craig and Lisa look on, concerned. No sooner does she regain consciousness and clocks the bandages around her shoulder where her arm had once been, Jessica implores her folks to go to her best mates party that weekend.

Bust after bust, mules, dealers, dim witted plebs providing garage space for storage, yet Kallache maintained bewildered ignorance of the dots he could be joining. Much to the bemusement of the detail keeping him in eyelock. Worse for Les, when a bust threatens him directly due to the prints of his hefty fingers, this necessitates a call to old mate "Squeaky" to arrange a clandestine clean up. Boom! Craig and

cohort have veered on to the very path that will take them all the way to the prize.

The day is almost upon them and though there are creases to iron out, Lisa and Craig give pause to relax and dance at a black tie fundraising event for A2B4C. Not without three kids busting in and diverting what would be a romantic moment into a circus act in a five way daggy dance off.

The morning of. The picture of calm, Craig signs off on a two week hiatus from Operation Gynea imploring Kim to keep him posted. Dressed, ripped and the picture of confidence, he chows down on a big breakfast with Lisa and the kids. They pile in to the family car, laughing, celebrating, not a moment of care - until there is. In a swift jerk to the side of the road, Lisa pulls over and Craigs opens the passenger door to let go of breakfast and probably dinner from the night before as well.

Craig, before a crowd in the hundreds, makes his way toward the surf, before being arrested by his eldest. Jessica launches at Craig, straight into his arms to cheer "I love you Daddy!"

Open sea. For the first time in what seems like aeons, Craig is alone. Turns out, he's not as alone as he thought. Frothing, bubbling water ahead tell the tale of a feeding frenzy. But as he approaches a huge fin to the side of his surf ski lets him know that this isn't just fish.

Episode 6

Lisa and the kids watch Dad on the news.

Paddle, dock, address admiring crowd. Calls to kids with stolen moments between children to spare a word for Lisa and vice versa. Occasionally sneaking off to grab a moment on the blower with Kim for an Operation Gynea update. Rinse repeat, as Craig heads closer and closer to his final destination. A run in with a turtle so big it would be quadruple Craig's own age. The day finally comes and Craig heads out, much the same way he had Day one, with the loss of his breakfast. A hard yet peaceful final slog before Craig is greeted by a crowd in the thousands.

A smile here, a wave a nod there, his grin masking his greatest desire as he scours the crowd for his tribe. A wanton breakaway wraps around his legs and Craig looks down to find himself in an armlock with Tim, as Kylie, Jess and Lisa shortly follow and engulf him.

Back in town and the talk of, but not a moments rest, Craig swerves several near misses with Keith Booney in his surveill. What Craig learns on rejoining the outfit is that Kallache has finally given up his man and the Gynea now have

a trace and gameplan for Sergeant Bob Irwin, other wise known as Squeaky, but this time, he won't end up so clean. In a series of clamp downs and busts, Craig and his team bowl down crims like ten pins before finally taking down their man, the entire operative sending away more than fifty crooks and corrupt cops.

Yet again, never a moment's rest. Police Commissioner Ryan sets the operative on a new mission, keeping in eyelock the nefarious business dealings of Richard "Harry" Harris, Gary Flack and their contingent of shady types. Whilst all begins, business as usual, a run in with Flack's dog on remote property leaves Craig stranded in bush with the hound hot on his tail...

Fresh from a quick brief, Craig meets up Lisa and Jess before Parliament house, wherein he is about to receive Parent of the Year award for his effort raising money for Cancer research. Jess is alight with her beaming pride. Lisa, however, carries a rain cloud within her countenance, the which Craig probes again and again to acquire an answer for. Replete with the confidence that he always catches his man, there is nothing Craig can't fix. Until there is.

Probed to the limit of her patience, Lisa confesses the prognosis is far from ideal and one she was left with on her own as Craig is celebrated. The insidious disease is back. A winded Craig has to swallow the notion he can paddle to raise money for cancer, but he can't cure it, as he is called to the podium to address the award for his efforts.

Series 2

Shattered by the passing of his daughter, Craig decides to embark on the ultra marathon that he and Jessica had planned prior to her death. A cathartic, but grueling, trans continental journey from Albany, WA to Broken Bay, NSW. A 34 day, 5,000km Bike, paddle and run through much of Australia's most remote and inhospitable terrain.

Back at Project Gynea Craig and the team commence an 18 month surveillance into two of the most notorious enforcers in Neddy Smiths crime syndicate. Richard "Harry" Harris and Glen Flack - "The untouchable".

These hardened armed robbers had turned their attentions to the lucrative drug trade and Craig and the team suspected they had inside police assistance. In series 2 we follow their surveillance and ultimate arrest of Harris and Flack and the exposing of the corrupt police

who assisted them. Key story lines encompass the surveillance of a "safe house" full of weapons and drugs. This involved some divine intervention as the team work with a local priest to set up a watch position in the Church across the street. They also intercept conversations about a hit contract on another criminal, Graham "Abo" Henry. With this knowledge they are forced to "protect" him without him realizing, otherwise they would be complicate in his murder.

Craig has a seminal moment when the two are arrested in a dawn raid. Harris is directly confronted by Craig and given the opportunity to surrender quietly outside his apartment instead of traumatizing his young son from the impending police raid. It's an empathetic moment born from his recent loss of his own child.

Craig completes the ultra marathon.

Series 3

A corrupt detective, code named M5, becomes spooked and rolls over to a new team associated to GyMEA. He implicates multiple officers and detectives across the Northern Sydney police network. As a result of M5's information Craig is posted to become the informant manager of a protected criminal who is also providing information. Code named "Paddle".

It's story of murders, armed robberies and gun trafficking. And corrupt police. The investigation uncovers a labyrinth of corruption of police encompassing Manly and Dee Why detectives. This is Craig's home patch and he knew many of these corrupt police in social settings.

It's been 5 years of Operation GyMEA and Craig begins to suffer physically and emotionally. He requests a transfer to Coffs Harbor as Crimes manager. He wants out of GyMEA.

Despite initially agreeing, Lisa doesn't go and Craig sleeps in his car for the 2 months he was there.

The stress is enormous and Craig plans a third ultra marathon. It's his escape and it keeps the memory of Jessica alive. This would prove to be the most adventurous. A Circumnavigation of Australia. A return journey from Australia Square, Sydney to Benelong Point, Sydney. A relentless 90 day, 15,000 Km journey that

involved close encounters with Sharks, Crocs and wild dogs.

After, 5 years in Gympie and the closeness of the investigation into detectives in his home area, Craig is eventually 'outed' and his cover blown. Two months into his Coffs Harbour posting Craig begins to hear that he is being labeled 'a dog', a traitor to his own kind. The worse human you can be in the world of policing.

He is released on stress leave.

He returns home and focuses on his family relationships and begins a successful career as a motivational speaker.