

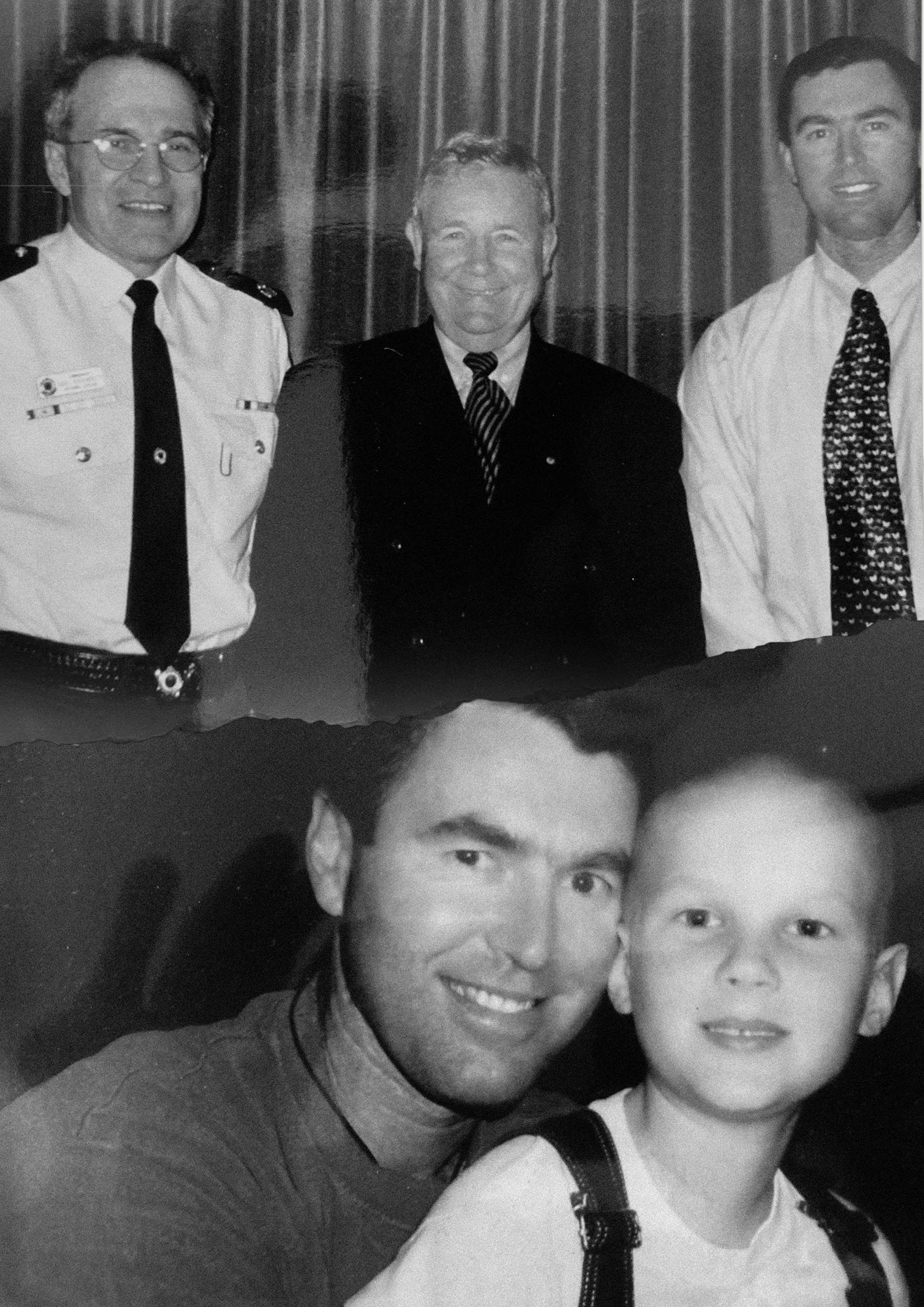
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# CONVICTION

THE CRAIG GOOZEE STORY

THE TRUTH DOESN'T ALWAYS SET YOU FREE





## AN ACTION POLICE PROCEDURAL WITH A HEARTBREAKING FAMILY STORY

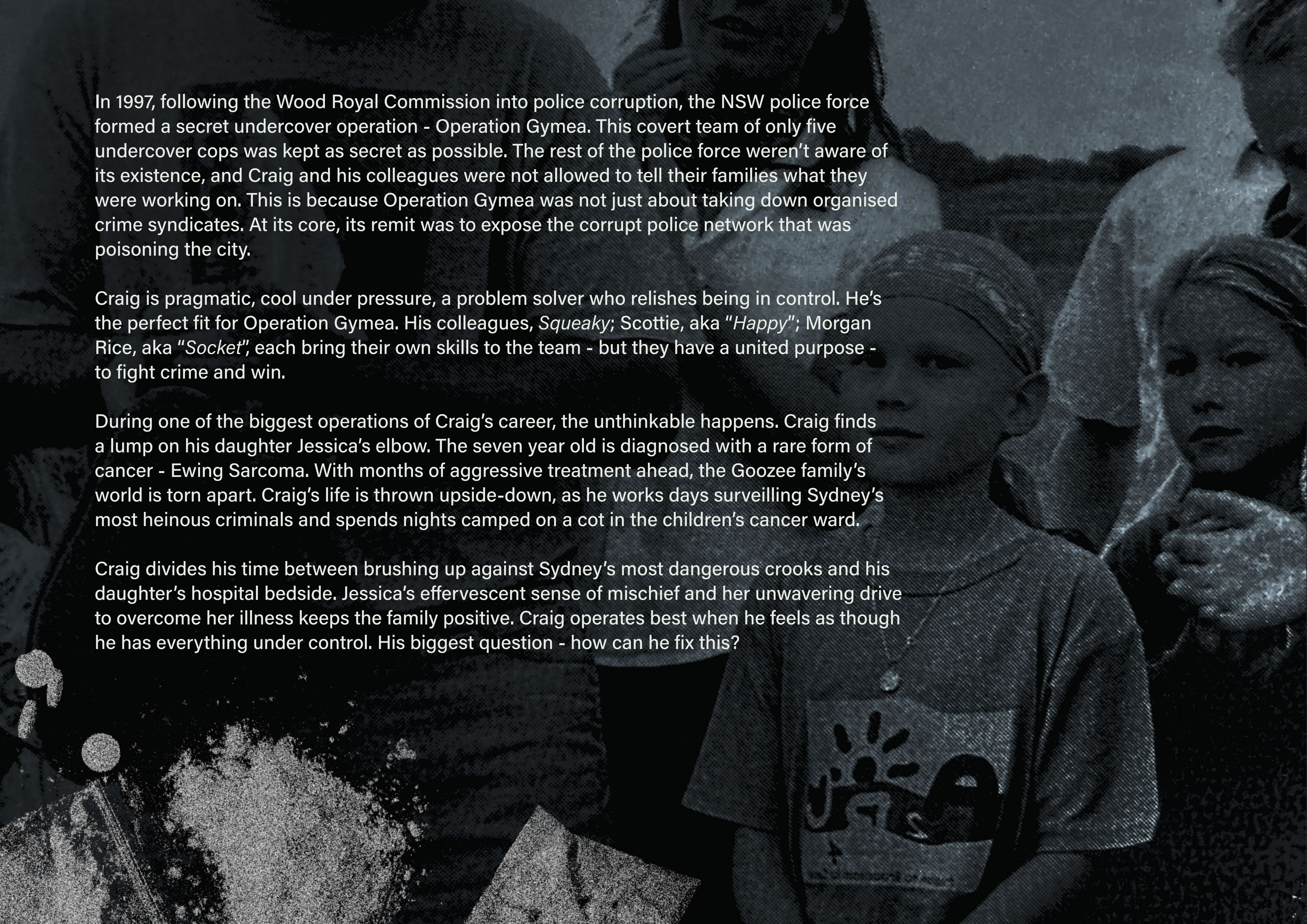
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*In 1997*, Craig was part of an elite group of NSW Police officers. His work was kept secret from his family and even to fellow Police. His role was to gather intelligence on corrupt Police who protected the Crime Syndicate and Drug Lord networks.

While working on one of the more complex undercover operations in Australia's history, the Goozee family is **hit with their greatest challenge** - their 8 year old daughter, Jessica, is diagnosed with an aggressive and rare form of cancer.

This is a life affirming story of struggle, grief and heartbreak, and how sometimes **tragedy doesn't have to break you.**





In 1997, following the Wood Royal Commission into police corruption, the NSW police force formed a secret undercover operation - Operation GyMEA. This covert team of only five undercover cops was kept as secret as possible. The rest of the police force weren't aware of its existence, and Craig and his colleagues were not allowed to tell their families what they were working on. This is because Operation GyMEA was not just about taking down organised crime syndicates. At its core, its remit was to expose the corrupt police network that was poisoning the city.

Craig is pragmatic, cool under pressure, a problem solver who relishes being in control. He's the perfect fit for Operation GyMEA. His colleagues, *Squeaky*; Scottie, aka "*Happy*"; Morgan Rice, aka "*Socket*", each bring their own skills to the team - but they have a united purpose - to fight crime and win.

During one of the biggest operations of Craig's career, the unthinkable happens. Craig finds a lump on his daughter Jessica's elbow. The seven year old is diagnosed with a rare form of cancer - Ewing Sarcoma. With months of aggressive treatment ahead, the Goozee family's world is torn apart. Craig's life is thrown upside-down, as he works days surveilling Sydney's most heinous criminals and spends nights camped on a cot in the children's cancer ward.

Craig divides his time between brushing up against Sydney's most dangerous crooks and his daughter's hospital bedside. Jessica's effervescent sense of mischief and her unwavering drive to overcome her illness keeps the family positive. Craig operates best when he feels as though he has everything under control. His biggest question - how can he fix this?



# OPERATION GYMEA

It's 1997. The world of undercover surveillance is a totally different landscape - there's no Wifi; mobile phones are archaic; and if you want to get from A to B, you have to use a Gregory's. (For those of you too young to know, that's a physical map of Sydney.)

Craig is appointed to surveil new targets, Les Kalache and Keith Booney, and other notorious Sydney crime figures. Underpinning this operation, is a plan to also expose police corruption.

Craig and his team have eyes on Kalache 24/7 - but it's not straightforward. To put a listening device in his car, Craig must steal it from a busy beach carpark while Kalache is sunbathing. The challenge is to return it without raising Kalache's suspicions. Next, *Squeaky* and *Happy* break into his home to set up listening devices and phone taps, but when Kalache returns unexpectedly, Craig thinks on his feet and creates a diversion.

As Craig listens in on Kalache's life, watching his every move, he comes to respect the criminal. Kalache takes in \$100,000 a week - he's a drug dealer, Monday to Friday. But on the weekends, he's a family man. Kalache puts his son first. With Jessica receiving chemo treatment in the hospital, Craig can relate.

Craig forms an odd, one sided friendship with Kalache. The concessions Craig makes for Kalache creates conflict with *Squeaky*. Listening in, Craig realises there's been a miscommunication with the family, and Kalache's son is abandoned at the school gates. Will Craig risk the team to intervene?

Through surveillance on Kalache, the team are able to bust many of his associates, and the police officers who are helping them. Based on true events, Operation GyMEA would arrest more than fifty criminals from both sides of the law.

The most stunning arrest comes when Craig and his team realise one of their own has been pulling strings behind the scenes, tampering with evidence, wiping fingerprints, taking bribes. The heavy betrayal bites for Craig when he is forced to arrest his best mate.





## WAGS, AND SEXISM IN THE POLICE FORCE

The 90s were a boys' club in the force. We'll explore *Squeaky's* struggle as the only female involved in this covert operation. Partners were kept in the dark about what their spouses were doing during operations. Craig's wife Lisa finds the secrecy frustrating. With Jessica having chemo, she needs to be able to contact her husband.

Driven by Lisa's distress, the Police Commissioner decides to call in partners each month to provide brief details on the operation. How long is this operation expected to take? How many hours will Craig be working? How can Lisa contact Craig when she needs to? Lisa takes little comfort in these scant details, and her resentment simmers.



# CHARACTERS

## THE FAMILY

### CRAIG - AKA SOCK

Craig is driven, pragmatic. Not much rattles him. His colleagues nicknamed him *sock* because that's what looks like is stuck down his pants when he shows up in his lycra wear. He's obsessed with fitness, and sometimes that can get in the way of other priorities. When he joins Operation Gynea, he has hero status as the detective who just caught the North Shore rapist, Graham Kay.

He's never tempted by bribes, he's committed to bringing down Sydney's crooks. However, he can be guilty of blurring other lines. Listening in on crooks daily, he gets to know them. He forms irrational friendships - which can jeopardise the case.

He seeks control and always looks for ways he can fix a problem. That's one reason why Jessica's diagnosis is so hard for Craig to swallow.

When he sees his daughter in pain, he's motivated to launch a charity fundraiser - a 1000k paddle marathon which will take him away from home for weeks. But his wife and friends judge this decision - during this crisis, shouldn't Craig stay home, by their side? Craig has to look in the mirror and ask the same question.







## LISA - CRAIG'S WIFE

Lisa is a committed athlete who runs daily. She's an expert at the juggle, working full time and caring for her kids. The fact her husband's career is clouded in secrecy is a bone of contention. Throughout the series, Lisa's resentment towards Craig builds. It's hard when he's not contactable - someone has to be there for Jessica. Lisa feels the pressure to show up and be there.

When Jessica is diagnosed, she tries to be strong and stoic, and puts on a brave face in front of her children. She's a shattered mess with limited sleep. She forms an emotional connection with Jessica's doctor.

## JESSICA

The spirited boss of the family. Jessica's wisdom beyond her age and her positive attitude set the tone for how the whole family deal with her treatment. When a friend on the ward is given the all clear and discharged, she plays a prank in his honour. She is positive and funny.







## TIM

Jessica's 7 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 sister, he struggles the most with the change in family routine.

## DOCTOR SIMON

Jessica's specialist. Both Lisa and Craig will develop bonds with Doctor Simon, but Lisa's becomes a deeper, emotional connection. Lisa can be forgiven for being attracted to this man - he's trying to save her daughter's life. How deep will she let this emotional affair develop? Simon is over worked, dealing with emotional events on a daily basis. When he misses tumours growing in Jessica's lungs, he spirals with self doubt. Did his friendship with Lisa mean he missed something?





# THE COPS

## KATHY FIELD "SQUEAKY"

CRAIG'S WORK WIFE

With a level of arrogance bred of career success, *Squeaky* was key to bringing down the North Shore rapist. And she'll never stop reminding her team of that. Her bravery shouldn't be forgotten, she used herself as bait to entice the rapist. And in the late 90s, when you couldn't depend on technology and devices as much, this shows her level of guts.

*Squeaky's* over confidence means she sometimes overlooks certain details. Their work marriage is a well oiled machine. She is upfront. When Craig gets too close to Kalache and puts the operation at risk, she doesn't hold back. When Craig realises she's confided in her new date about the Operation, Craig is filthy mad. They each give as good as they get. She's nicknamed *Squeaky* because she's *Squeaky Clean*.







## **MORGAN RICE “SOCKET”**

### **CRAIG’S BEST MATE**

Craig’s and Morgan’s career have been in step since they joined the force. When Craig was headhunted to join Operation Gynea, he’s the one who persuaded the Police Commissioner to bring Morgan on board. When Jessica is diagnosed with cancer, Morgan becomes Craig’s steadying force - his rock at work. Morgan remembers when Jessica was born, he’s a firm family friend, and Jessica’s godparent. When Craig comes up with the marathon fundraising plan, Morgan is one of the only voices of support.

Morgan and Craig have saved each other’s lives more than once. During one operation in Balmain, Craig and Morgan check a home for suspected firearms. They’re stunned when they find hundreds of weapons. And even more stunned when the homeowner returns unexpectedly. Morgan’s quick thinking saves both their lives, and they escape unharmed.

When Morgan buys a brand new car, Craig’s bemused. It’ll take the rest of his natural life to pay that off. With an eminent raid, Craig is unexpectedly called to hospital. Morgan encourages him to drop everything and go, promising to handle the police work. Later, Craig realises evidence has been tampered with, and fingerprints wiped. He is astonished to realise his best friend Morgan is a corrupt cop. Craig can’t believe he used his daughter’s illness to get Craig out of the picture.

Craig has to arrest his best mate - and the betrayal stings.



# THE CROOKS

## LES KALACHE

Middle Eastern, a fitness fanatic who works out every morning, Kalache is an absolute character. He has a way with the ladies. When the undercover team hear the sounds of Marvin Gaye, they know Kalache is entertaining women. Separated from his wife, father to an 8 year old son. Kalache is a ruthless drug kingpin, but strangely, he only works during business hours. He has nailed the work life balance. As Craig finds more out about his life, he forms a level of respect for Kalache's family values. Later, after his arrest, Kalache donates money to Craig's charity raising money to help cancer patients like Jessica.



## KEITH BOONEY

Kalache's side kick and lackey. A stocky 55 year old. Booney is a fitness conditioner for the Rabbitohs football team. Their training gym becomes a local hang for criminals. 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.



## DAVE PARKER

A huge man at 6'4", and a regular buyer of drugs from Kalache with his wife. They spend just as much time around Kalache's apartment as their own house. Happy to feed off Kalache, but more than happy to stab him in the back at the same time.



## MARSKELL

Marskell runs Kalache's meth lab on a shack out in the bush. He loves shooting kangaroos; he loves his dogs; careless and selfish, he has no idea the crew have been watching his shack for months.



## BOB IRWIN

Corrupt to the core, he's a Detective in Kalache's pocket. Worse, he recruits other detectives to join the dark side.



# EPISODE SHAPE

**A STORY** - a cop action thread, which showcases the challenges undercover cops faced in the late 90s. High stakes and jeopardy as Operation Gynea must bust Kalache's circle of drug dealers and corrupt cops on the take.

**B STORY** - Centred around Jessica's medical story, Craig's personal life and challenges the family faced. This thread will be key to the uplifting parts of the story. When faced by her own mortality, Jessica's life philosophy spreads positivity.

**C STORY** - focusing on members of Craig's team and how it impacts on their undercover life. For example - *Happy* trying to juggle his girlfriend while working a case; *Squeaky's* career ambitions; Morgan's seemingly inexplicable spending spree.

**UNDERCURRENT** - Craig's demons from past cases will haunt him. As Jessica's illness progresses, Craig's nightmares will become more intense. Craig's obsession with fitness, which manifests as a marathon paddle fundraiser, will be dramatised as he trains in preparation.

## COLD OPEN

Each episode will begin with high stakes, action sequence usually with the cops.

## THE PADDLE FUNDRAISER

Scattered through each episode is a short burst of Craig paddling in the open ocean. In a sense, it is a metaphor for the journey of the series. Sometimes the water is calm, on other occasions Craig is battling a squally storm. As the series develops the viewer learns of the Fund Raiser paddle to Queensland and it falls into place.

## TIME FRAME

To match the progress of Jessica's chemotherapy treatment, each episode is one month apart. Craig's paddling and fitness training will help mark the changes in time as the weather changes on his paddles.

## FLASHFORWARDS

We flash forward to the court case, post arrest. Craig's testimony is sometimes heated. Why wasn't he arrested earlier? Why did you allow Kalache to keep operating for so long? The criticism will punctuate the drama.



# EPISODE GUIDE

## 01

### COLD OPEN

Craig and Morgan keep an eagle eye on *Squeaky* as they trail her. She's using herself as bait to entice Graham Kay, the North Shore serial rapist to make a move. *Squeaky* is rewarded when Kay approaches her. He tries to attack her, and Craig, Morgan and *Squeaky* arrest him.





The Police Commissioner congratulates Craig on his success, and invites him to head an elite team - with the aim to bust drug lords and tackle police corruption. There is just one catch - Craig can't tell anyone the details. Operation Gynea is launched. Craig urges the Police Commissioner to add his best mate Morgan Rice "*Socket*" to the squad.

Morgan and Craig celebrate their success with Craig's family. Morgan is a godparent to Craig's daughter Jessica. Curious, Lisa asks what their next steps are, and both Morgan and Craig are cagey with details. Hating being kept in the dark, a small niggle forms for Lisa. The team start surveillance on Les Kalache. Without a listening device installed in his home, at first, they just watch at a distance. They trail him whenever he leaves home, recording his every move.

At home, Lisa's frustrated when Craig keeps odd hours. She's astonished when she's doing the laundry, and discovers that Craig has a credit card in another name. ***What is her husband up to?***

One evening, the family realise daughter Jessica has a strange lump on her elbow. Lisa is frustrated when Craig palms off the visit to the doctor onto her, and her suspicions amplify.

Craig and his team decide a listening device in Kalache's car is essential. They obtain a covert warrant, and decide to install the device while Kalache is at the beach. The team steal Kalache's car from the carpark, while Craig minds his parking spot with his own car. It's a stressful ticking clock as the team have to install the listening device and return the car, before Kalache notices.

What Craig doesn't realise is that while he was trailing Kalache, Lisa was trailing him. She confronts Craig. Why is he at the beach; why does he have a credit card in another name. Is he having an affair? Craig must hose Lisa down before Kalache ends his sunbathing and comes up from the beach. Can Lisa please just give him the benefit of the doubt? The rest of the team return with Kalache's car, ready to return it. Just on time.

That night, Craig returns home to his stricken, tear stained wife. He swears he is not having an affair. But Lisa isn't upset about that. Jessica's doctor has been in touch. ***Jessica is diagnosed with a rare form of cancer***, and must commence an aggressive treatment regime, immediately. Craig's world is torn apart.



# EPISODE GUIDE

# 02

## COLD OPEN

Craig is dressed as a tradie, surreptitiously adjusting a hidden camera in the foyer of Kalache's unit block. A wheelchair user comes past, asking for help. Craig has no choice but to risk blowing his cover by helping the wheelchair user inside Kalache's building, up the elevator to Kalache's home.

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A month has passed since Jessica's diagnosis, and Lisa and Craig divide their lives between the hospital as she undertakes chemotherapy. *Squeaky* agrees to do Craig a favour, and has a private meeting with Lisa, briefing her on Craig's undercover work, bringing her into the inner circle. Her trust issues with Craig evaporate.

In the hospital, Craig tries to lift everyone's spirits on the children's ward. He plays many pranks on the nurses to amuse the kids. One of Jessica's close friends, a young boy named Troy, is given the all clear, and he is discharged. It's bittersweet for Jessica as she farewells Troy. She says "that will be me next". Craig and Lisa hope she's right. Jessica plays a prank on the nurses in Troy's name. When Craig's best mate Morgan visits Jessica, he brings her an expensive gift - an engraved bracelet. Craig is grateful for his support.

*Squeaky* goes on a date - and finds herself boasting about her current role. Craig gets wind of her overshare, and is annoyed. Their working relationship splinters.

The Operation Gynea crew obtain a covert warrant to place listening devices throughout Kalache's apartment and to tap his phones. They choose a time when they know Kalache will be out, and they break into his apartment. Morgan and Craig find a wad of cash inside his bedroom and need to count it for intelligence. Morgan jokes about sharing the money. They are nearly busted when Kalache arrives home early. They have to hide in Kalache's wardrobe until *Happy*, watching from the outside, creates a diversion.

Back at headquarters, the team listen in as Kalache entertains several women back to back - they have no idea he is cheating on them. *Squeaky* quips - *if only they could say something...* As he listens to Kalache living his life, Craig uses the time to train, running up and down the stairs, seemingly possessed.

Later, Craig and the team overhear Kalache, Parker and his wife talking about getting Sudafed tablets with the idea of producing meth as the drug supply is low. Kalache leaves to go buy some cigarettes. Parker starts a serious domestic with his wife. Craig and the others are alarmed as they listen to abuse, coercive control and domestic violence. Craig wants to intervene, but *Squeaky* rejects that notion. If Craig gets involved, their cover will be blown. Craig calls out her hypocrisy - she nearly did that on her date.

Thinking out of the box, the team come up with novel way to interrupt the domestic violence incident without blowing their cover. Parker is arrested - with over 10,000 ecstasy tablets. Craig thinks this is the breakthrough they need - expecting Kalache's prints to be all over the drug bags.



# EPISODE GUIDE

# 03

## COLD OPEN

Craig and *Squeaky* are inside Booney's home after learning he has Kalache's supply of cocaine hidden in his oven. Surveillance on Booney by Morgan has failed, and he unexpectedly arrives home. Over the radio, *Happy* urgently warns Craig and *Squeaky* to pack their scales and drug test kit away. The only way out is over the balcony. Booney gives chase, and Craig and *Squeaky* use their wits to escape. That was a royal screw up.





Later, back at the safety of headquarters, Craig and *Squeaky* are irate at Morgan for failing to warn them about Booney's return. Privately, *Squeaky* asides to Craig - is police corruption in play - *did Morgan really fall asleep?* Craig's intrigue builds.

Craig is appalled when the news comes through from the lab - there were no fingerprints on the drug bags. Kalache is off the hook. Craig's perplexed - did someone wipe the prints?

The team are stunned when Kalache has a fresh visitor... **It's a fellow cop - Bob Irwin.** As they listen, it dawns that Kalache is paying Bob, and Bob is the leader at the helm of detectives willing to take bribes. *Squeaky* also has some bad news - **he's the man she went on the date with...** and perhaps shared too much. Craig's frustrated - unbelievable. Morgan is distinctly quiet through all of this. Does he have a previous association with Bob Irwin? GyMEA team organise to have Bob's phone intercepted. This is the first sign of true corruption.

Kalache's unit is like a turnstile of criminal identities. The undercover cop's intel indicates the gang war surrounding the drug world is about to escalate. The team need to intercept a hoard of guns, kept in a suburban garage before all hell breaks loose. At 2am, when the street is quiet, the team break into the garage. Craig is stunned by the quantity of weapons - **hundreds of black market guns.** Seizing the guns will blow their cover, so instead the team remove the pins. This way they'll stop the planned conflict without revealing themselves.

At home, the family celebrate Jessica's birthday. She's *happy* to have a break from chemotherapy. Her specialist, Doctor Simon, is pleased to see the family out of the hospital at last. Morgan arrives, driving a brand new luxury car. Craig knows he is terrible when it comes to controlling his spending - but this is next level. Morgan just grins.

That night, Craig announces his new plan. He can't control much of what's happening - but he can control this. He wants to raise funds for the children's hospital. He plans to undertake a 1000km marathon, paddling from Avalon beach to Broadbeach in Queensland. Lisa's dismayed - ***how could that be a priority right now?***

The GyMEA team have enough proof, they swoop in and arrest Bob. They're careful to make sure the arrest is private, so Kalache never gets wind of it. As the police swarm around Bob, he eyes Morgan unhappily - ***is there something deeper between these two?*** Suddenly Morgan's *happy* grin has vanished.



# EPISODE GUIDE

# 04

## COLD OPEN

Craig and his colleagues are trailing Keith Booney's car, who is driving at speed. As Keith ducks and weaves through traffic, the cops have trouble keeping up. Behind the wheel, *Happy* loses him. Keith clashes with a truck driver, and their tempers escalate. Keith pulls over and confronts the driver, and beats him senseless. Craig and his colleagues pull up moments later. Keith's left the scene for dust, as Craig tries to help the victim and *Squeaky* calls an ambulance. As the man lies injured before him, Craig's emotional - feeling out of control.





**Flash forward to Craig on the witness stand.** The prosecutor is appalled, demanding why the hell Craig's team didn't arrest Booney for assault? Craig explains the arrest would've blown their cover. At the time, he wasn't *happy* about it.

**Back at headquarters,** Craig and his team listen as Kalache informs Booney his plan to produce their own drugs. He's hired a cook he met in gaol, Lyndon Marskell. They need the precursor drug, pseudoephedrine.

Meanwhile, Craig's tasked with approaching Campbell for intel. They offer an immunity deal in exchange for information. Campbell is saved from a prison term and becomes an informant. Campbell gets across Craig's personal crisis and Jessica's health. He and Craig form an uneasy friendship. At headquarters, Morgan is annoyed that he wasn't looped in. He wants to know the identity of this informant, but Craig is cagey. Morgan is frustrated when he is kept in the dark.

Alongside this, with the wild concept of paddling a surf ski 1000 km in open ocean, Craig starts paddling to train. Friends and family throw shade and judgment. *How could Craig be so selfish?*

Kalache and Booney are determined to source large amounts of pseudoephedrine. They buy thousands of packets of Sudafed from a chemist, popping the contents of each capsule into buckets. Craig and his team raid their garbage bins at 2am to recover the empty packets. **This is essential evidence for prosecution later.**

Craig's team listen as Kalache's organises a new plan to use a shack in the bush to manufacture drugs. Crook Marskell is summoned to collect buckets of pseudoephedrine from Kalache and recruited to produce drugs ASAP.

Craig's undercover team follow Marskell, who arrives at a remote bushland property. They realise it houses a makeshift meth lab. Craig and *Happy* surveil the lab from a creek bed. But Marskell's dog sniffs them out. The dog attacks Craig, piercing skin. Marskell assumes his dog is attacking a kangaroo. Craig's in agony, but he has to remain deathly quiet so he doesn't blow their cover. *Happy* luckily has a snack in his pocket, and his quick thinking gets them out of the dangerous situation.

Later, when Marskell goes to town to purchase cream for a burn from the meth lab, the team swarm in. They test the chemical substance Marskell is using and install bush cameras.

At home, Jessica plays nurse, bandaging Craig's wound from the dog attack. She comforts him, repeating the same advice he gave her when she was in hospital. Craig embraces her in a warm hug. But alarm bells ring when he feels something under her arm. *It couldn't be another lump, could it?*



# EPISODE GUIDE

# 05

## COLD OPEN

Craig paddling on open water. He pushes himself moving further out into the ocean. He slows when he sees the fin of a shark. Craig makes an effort to remain calm, as the shark circles. Finally, after what feels like a lifetime, the shark loses interest in Craig and swims away. Craig breathes in relief, but it feels like a near death experience.





Jessica's lump is the worst news imaginable - **her cancer has spread**. Doctor Simon believes the only course of action is to amputate her arm. The family struggles to come to terms with this. Morgan offers Craig unwavering support. He is confident to take over Kalache's surveillance while Craig deals with his family crisis. Craig is grateful and leaves for hospital.

Morgan makes a phone call - *"All clear, I got rid of Craig"*. We realise Morgan has deliberately got Craig out of the picture. Craig and Lisa are forlorn as Jessica is wheeled into surgery, to amputate her right arm. Lisa is emotional - Jessica is so small and frail. Craig and Lisa clock watch as the hours tick by. Later, in the recovery room, Jessica wakes up. The family experience intense sadness now Jessica has lost her arm. Later, Craig receives a sympathetic phone call from his informant Campbell. *Is Craig becoming too close to members of the underworld?* Campbell also provides some information on all the corrupt cops that Kalache keeps on the payroll.

At home, the family try to stay cheerful for Jessica's sake. Younger brother Tim ties his own hand behind his back, to match Jessica's new one handed life. They jump in the family pool - with one rule - swim with one hand only. Lisa tells Craig under no uncertain terms - no way is he leaving the family for three weeks to paddle around the East coast of Australia. The chasm between Craig and Lisa widens.

The surveillance team realise Marskell is on his way to Kalache's to deliver kilos of pure methamphetamines. Kalache calls around to his network to sell the drugs. He's feeling positive, and greedy. When Marskell delivers the goods, Kalache is impressed. It's "pure gold".

At headquarters, something doesn't add up for Craig and *Squeaky*. Too much evidence has gone missing. There's a leak. Craig has whiplash as the realisation hits - **someone from Operation Gynea must be corrupt. But who?**



# EPISODE GUIDE

# 06

## COLD OPEN

The team arrest Marskell in a dramatic, action sequence. Kalache sees the events unfold on the news, but still has no idea he's being watched.





Later, Craig swaps shifts with Lisa at hospital. Jessica is back on chemo after having her arm amputated. Craig takes Jessica for a bath and discovers another lump in the amputated area of her shoulder. Following a biopsy, news hits and reality sets in - **Jessica has seven tumours in her lungs.** There is nothing they can do.

At home, Craig takes Jessica for an afternoon walk to their local marina. Jessica is struggling with oxygen as the tumours grow in her lungs. In the light of dusk, he tries to ascertain she understands death and her state of illness. A touching moment.

Meanwhile, Kalache hands over the pure drugs to an associate, Flack, for storage. *Squeaky* and team follow the drugs back to a house in the Eastern suburbs and watch as it's stored in the garage. Surveillance remains on Flack's garage, until a raid is planned. *Happy* raids the place, along with uniformed officers. Flack is arrested with the pure methamphetamines and taken to station. *Happy* deliberately releases him, to monitor his next move. Desperate, Flack makes a call to Kalache and BOOM - **he causes a chain reaction.**

Kalache contacts Morgan Rice and demands that he helps them. *Squeaky* and *Happy* can't believe it. Neither can Craig. Craig's best mate Morgan has been double crossing them this whole time. *Happy* and *Squeaky* scheme to trap Morgan, and catch him redhanded. They send a detective wearing a listening device to meet Morgan. Morgan offers the cop \$5,000 to help him get rid of evidence.

Jessica is rushed into hospital gasping for air. Medical staff quickly place her on oxygen. Jessica slowly fades in health. One night Craig breaks down while Jessica is sleeping - he wants to put her out of the pain. He grabs a pillow and holds it above her head wanting to stop everything, but he can't follow through.

The Police Commissioner organises an arrest phase to take out Kalache and fifty others. He reveals Morgan has been playing golf with other corrupt cops for months. Craig tears himself away from hospital. He begs the Commissioner to allow him to arrest Kalache. Out of respect for Kalaches' family he wants a soft arrest. Instead of a police dawn raid with cops screaming "***Police Don't Move***" as they ram the front door, Craig arrives and offers Kalache a chance to surrender quietly without his son seeing the drama - **Kalache surrenders to Craig.**

The following day Jessica agrees to take some morphine as the pain and agony of breathing gets to a point. Her body relaxes. An emotional night as both Craig and Lisa rotate shifts of sitting next to Jess to comfort her. Craig wakes up next to Jessica. She's not breathing. Reality hits and he moves across the room to wake a tired Lisa. "***Lisa, she's gone.***"



# PATHWAY TO AUDIENCE

The Craig Goozee Story is a 25 episode podcast which has been well received by listeners. On Apple Podcasts, it has **4.8 stars** and on Spotify, it scores **4.9 stars** - ranked in the top 10% shared globally. It also has an international reach, making the top 200 charts in Ireland, South Africa, Japan, Brazil, New Zealand, the UK and Australia.

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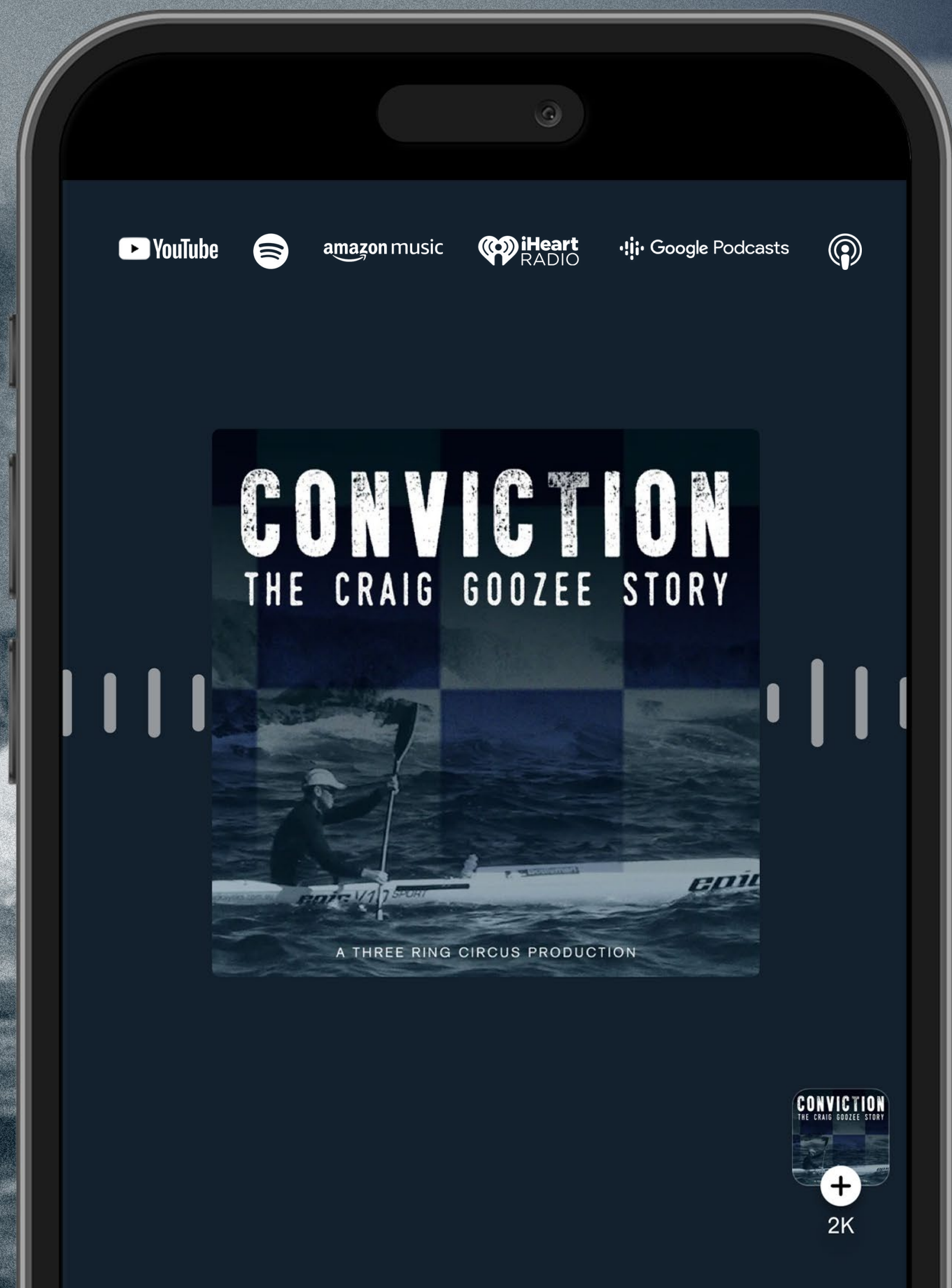
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## REVIEWS

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# EWING SARCOMA JESSICAS DIAGNOSIS

Ewing's sarcoma is a cancerous tumor that usually begins growing in a bone. It occurs primarily in children and young adults. According to data on children younger than 15 years old, approximately 1.7 children out of 1 million develop the disease. It is not understood why this abnormality occurs. Doctors have not identified any risk factors that make one child more susceptible than another. There are no known ways to prevent the disease.

We will have a medical researcher attached to the series to ensure we deliver accurate, authentic and sensitive drama.





# 1990'S POLICE TECHNOLOGY

*What was technology in the 90's like?* Filing cabinets, analog mobile phones the size of brick, and Gregory's street directories. Police juggled heavy, unwieldy pieces of technology, which at the time were considered to be ground breaking.

At times both police and criminals would be forced to use pay phones on the street, and inside hotels. Magnetic tracking devices would be fitted under suspect vehicles, where surveilling police would only receive a direction and speed, unlike our current G.P.S. Operation Gynea was the first Police unit to employ some of this technology.

Craig and his team would have their work cut out for them.





# PASSION STATEMENT

## WHY SHOULD THIS STORY BE ON OUR SCREENS NOW?

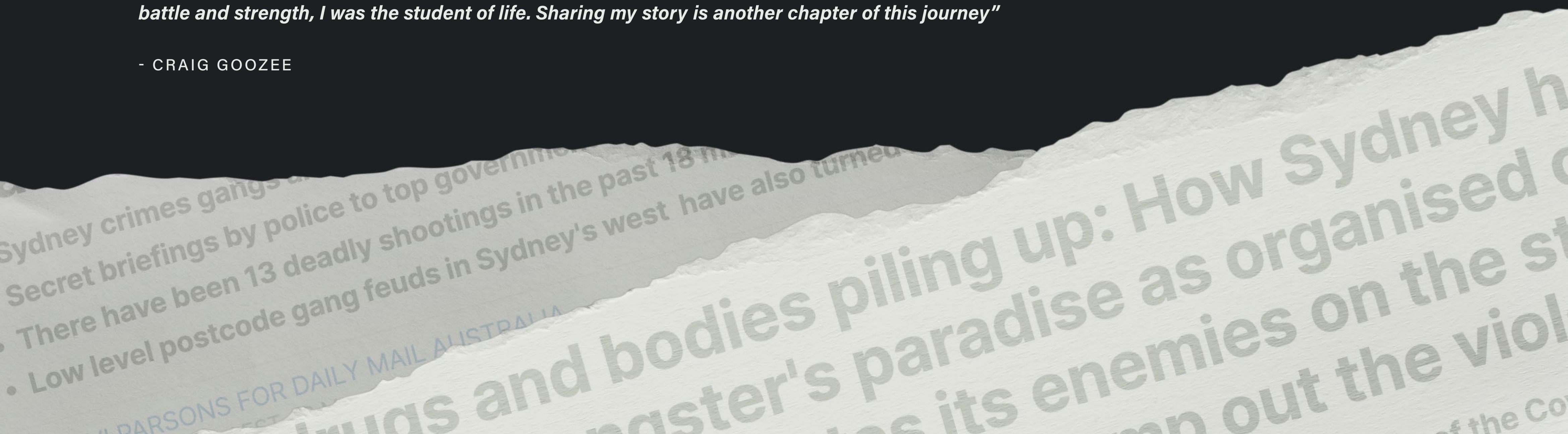
Craig's heartbreaking story about the loss of his daughter, while trying his best to take down Australia's most notorious criminals is a provocative series which asks viewers - when everything falls apart, what would you do?

Jessica's illness is also relevant today. It's over twenty five years since Jessica passed away. However, medically, there has been no progress made with finding a cure for Ewing Sarcoma. This series will shine a light on the disease and hopefully raise awareness.

This is based on a true story - police corruption in Australia in the late 1990s was a significant problem. Operation Gymea was responsible for arresting more than seventy offenders including a number of New South Wales Police officers. This is a moment in Australian modern history that's still relevant today.

*"Not everything in life goes to plan and unfortunately so many people have experienced similar circumstances to our family. It all comes down to the choices we make and how we deal with the outcomes. As a father I always thought I would be the teacher but through Jessica's battle and strength, I was the student of life. Sharing my story is another chapter of this journey"*

- CRAIG GOOZEE





# CREATIVE TEAM



## CRAIG GOOZEE - CREATOR/ PRODUCER

This is Craig's story. Craig's life story surrounding his time in the NSW Police force, taking down serious drug dealers, the notorious Nth Shore Rapist, and a bag of corrupt cops - while at home, his wife and he, deal with the fact his daughter was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. Not only is this his story, Craig is part of the Producing team bringing this story to life. For him, this is a very personal tribute to his family.

## JAY STEWART - PRODUCER

Jay has over 40 years experience in the entertainment industry encompassing, performing, artists management, record company management and screen composition. Over the last 10 years Jay Stewart has composed more music for Australian Television than any other composer. An 8 time winner of the APRA Screen Music Awards "Most Performed Screen Composer - Australia" is statistical testimony to this. There is not a single day that Jay's music is not broadcast on Australian television. Many of the programs that Jay has composed for have become No 1 rating successes and sold for broadcast all over the world. It's this depth of experience that Jay brings to Three Ring Circus Productions.







## **DOUG GARSKE - PRODUCER**

Doug has worked in Marketing and Promotions in the Film, TV, Entertainment world for most of his career. He has worked with Crunchyroll (Warner Bros), FOXTEL, Network TEN, Paramount Pictures, Columbia Pictures, Hanna Barbera, Souther Star, Movie Network, Showtime, and across markets including Australia, APAC, United Kingdom, Korea, New Zealand, and the United States. Doug has worked with feature film Producers on Product Placements and Partnerships and was Producer on a major China/Australia Co-Production Feature Film.

## **HOLLY LYONS - ADAPTER & LEAD WRITER**

Holly has over 700 hours of broadcast credits as a writer and Script Producer. Holly is currently Associate Story Producer at Home and Away, where she creates five episodes of television a week. In the UK, Holly co-created the action comedy, Help! I'm a Teenage Outlaw (ITV) and script edited Emmerdale. She was awarded an EBU development grant of 15,000 euros; and she was nominated for a Prix Jeunesse. In 2019 Holly, along with her co-collaborator, was awarded funding through Screen Australia and ABC's Disrupted Initiative for their original project, Rocky & Me. Rocky & Me was nominated for the Japan Prize and was the National Winner of the Asian Academy Creative Awards. Holly is committed to supporting emerging writers - she is the founder of the script assessment service, [www.screenwritingscriptease.com](http://www.screenwritingscriptease.com)







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