

## An ABC concert for Julia Gillard, featuring goldfish

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Reader WaG311 is right - you could not make this stuff up:



The screenshot shows a webpage header with a small profile picture of a man on the left. To the right, it says "PROGRAM: SATURDAY EVENING CONCERT" in purple, followed by a navigation menu: "Program Home | About Julian | Listen Again | Extras | Music Listings". Below this is a horizontal line, then the title "AFTER JULIA" in bold. Underneath the title, it says "Broadcast 8:00pm, Sat 08 Nov 2014" and has icons for "Print", "Email", and "Share". At the bottom of the screenshot, a line of text reads: "Decibel ensemble perform new music reflecting on the Gillard prime ministership."

**The details:** (<http://www.abc.net.au/classic/content/2014/11/08/4110488.htm>)

*Join Julian Day and the Hon. Julia Gillard live on air and in the Eugene Goossens Hall, ABC Ultimo Centre, Sydney, for this Australian Music Month special live broadcast event.*

*The concert features the world premieres of seven newly commissioned works by outstanding Australian composers reflecting on the Hon. Julia Gillard's time as the first female Prime Minister of Australia. The broad collection of works includes a 6-girl choir, instructions from goldfish, spoken phrases turned into musical gestures, mouth organs and more.*

I believe the goldfish are being played by Bruce Wilson, Fran Kelly, Steve Conroy, Bill Ludwig and Craig Thomson.

From the ABC, of course, fresh from deifying Gough Whitlam and **broadcasting a joke about killing "Chancellor Abbott"**.

([http://blogs.news.com.au/heraldsun/andrewbolt/index.php/heraldsun/comments/abc\\_airs\\_good\\_joke\\_wondering\\_why\\_no\\_one\\_wants\\_to\\_kill\\_chancellor\\_abbott/](http://blogs.news.com.au/heraldsun/andrewbolt/index.php/heraldsun/comments/abc_airs_good_joke_wondering_why_no_one_wants_to_kill_chancellor_abbott/))

### UPDATE

The Left is brilliant at steering public money into Labor propaganda. These works, this concert and this broadcast are brought to you by:

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**Friday's rehearsal:** (<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10152718840520376>)



Cal Hope  
Rehearsing Michaela Davies Goldfish Variations at Peggy's house for the After Julia concert tomorrow — with Tristan Parr, Aaron Wyatt, Lindsay Vickery and Louise Devenish.  
19 hrs near Darlinghurst, New South Wales, Australia · Edited

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## UPDATE

**On Monday, the ABC screens another tribute to yet another Labor leader:** (<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/arts/review/bob-hawke-former-labor-pm-from-the-man-himself-and-those-who-know-him/story-fn9n8gph-1227115615133>)

*Australian Story*

*Monday, 8pm, ABC*

*The reporter-less format of this terrific series is perfect for getting inside the mind of Bob Hawke... He talks with sadness about the death of his older brother Neil (from meningitis) at a young age; his almost fatal accident on a motorbike ("God spared my life so I had to make sure I made the very most of it"); his and first wife Hazel's decision to have an abortion; and, with humour, about his mother making him sign a temperance vow at the age of nine. (Of course he famously didn't keep it.) His second wife, Blanche d'Alpuget, says: "He was not a nice drunk." But he was a brilliant advocate. "When he joined the ACTU he was a flamingo in the henhouse," she says, "and he became like a rock star." A grandson admires "his passion for life, for his country. That's why he was never voted out." Others talk about the way men and women still gravitate to him when he appears in public. But when Hawke left Hazel for Blanche it tore the family apart. In part two next week, they talk about how they've embraced Blanche since Hazel died and have all become close. It also tracks Hawke's rise through the ALP ranks to lead Labor to victory in three elections.*

The ABC is now just laughing in Tony Abbott's face.

(Thanks also to readers Big Skinny Geek and Jack Black.)