**BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR EAL LISTENING PRACTICE YEARS 11 AND 12 COLLECTION 1**

Text A: Arthur Richardson

Soraya has just returned from an early morning bike ride and is talking to her housemate Devon in the kitchen.

Text B: Data security

Aisha Saad works for Secufort, a company that sells security software for computers. Aisha is presenting a talk on privacy and the internet at a national technology conference.

Text C: Horseriding

Caesar and Rei are on a school trip to a horse ranch, where they will be taking a trail ride with their class. Rei has been horseback riding many times before, but Caesar is a nervous beginner.

Text D: Writing competition

Abdul is a correspondent for his local radio news station, reporting about the creative writing competition at the town fair.

Text E: Phobias

Igor and Melodie are organising a day to go rock climbing and are considering which of their friends to invite.

Text F: Slow TV

Talika hosts a weekly television-review podcast. This week he is talking to critic

Seru Sami about ‘Slow TV’, the new viewing trend sweeping the television world.

Text G: Tycho Brahe

Niamh is a high-school student giving a speech on Tycho Brahe, an important historical figure.

Text H: Wristwatches

Author Vladislav Koratev has written a book about the history of clocks and watches. He is being interviewed about the book on a radio program hosted by Bertie Renner.

Text I: Cycling on footpaths

Radio host Lan and two guests discuss the issue of whether cyclists should be allowed to cycle on footpaths in Melbourne.

Text J: Wedding speech

Barnaby is the best man in his cousin’s wedding, giving a speech to the guests during the reception.