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WIITH My Year Without Sex, writer-director Sarah Watt has delivered the goods wonderfully, and in more ways than one.

Her comedy of a challenge to a young Australian mother and wife, and its effect on her and her family, is refreshing, funny and irresistible.

It delivers an original Aussie reflection of our quirks and habits in a delightful, warm and witty confection of suburban life and its fun and frailties.

It also delivers a much-needed blast of entertainment to blow away the gloom hovering over the struggling Australian film industry.

The story has a serious base. Natalie (wonderful Sacha Horler) collapses with a brain aneurysm and almost dies.

Her husband (Matt Day) and their children carry on life as best as they can.

The story unfolds in episodes with sex-related titles (Foreplay, Making Love, Faking It) with observant and funny foibles from a crisp, witty script.

Natalie's therapy, including big questions about God, luck and reasons why are examined with a sharp, fresh and clever take which hasn't been done as well since The Castle.

My Year Without Sex Australia

7pm, Feb 26

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