

How did Pay TV advertising impact sales?

BIG W Toy Sale case study

The challenge: Measure the impact of Pay TV advertising on both online and in store sales

i The annual June toy sale is the most important promotional period of the year for Big W – one of Australia’s leading discount department stores

i Big W had no idea whether its increase in investment on Pay TV was delivering any value or financial returns

Approach **1**

- ⇒ MCN and Quantum worked with Big W and its media agency, Carat, to determine the questions we wanted to answer from this study
- ⇒ Sales data from the Woolworths’ data and viewing data from the Foxtel panel was then linked at an aggregate level
- ⇒ Sales from the households exposed to Big W’s ads were then compared against the group of households that were not exposed to those ads
- ⇒ Both the exposed and unexposed household groups were re-weighted to ensure that both groups were representative of each other
- ⇒ Uplift and the subsequent ROI was then calculated by comparing the two groups

Findings **2**

- ✓ BIG W customers who viewed the advertisement on Pay TV spent 22% more on toys than the control group
- ✓ Time of day of viewing had a significant impact on the sales uplift, with daytime viewing providing a much stronger uplift than prime time viewing
- ✓ Existing heavy toy buyers and young families accounted for the majority of sales and responded very well to the Pay TV campaign
- ✓ Big W experienced a ‘halo’ effect, with the campaign driving an additional uplift in other categories beyond toys

Actions **3**

- ✓ The insights allowed BIG W to make more informed decisions regarding media mix, targeting, and tactics for its 2016 toy sale in order to increase the effectiveness of its Pay TV budget
- ✓ The depth of the insights provided have encouraged Carat, Big W’s media agency to continue to buy dynamically on MCN in order to reach its target audience more effectively



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