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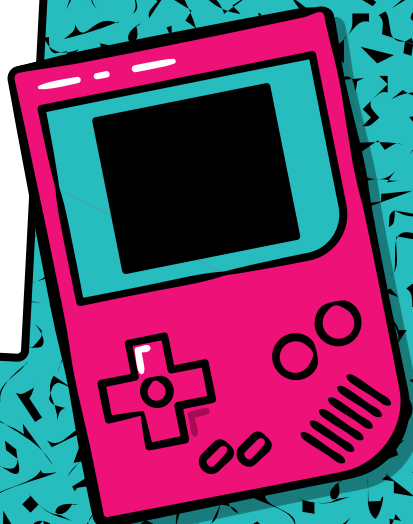




As if! The Gold Coast's annual comedy festival is off the hook in 2024.

It's the freshest, flyest, phattest line up ever, and it's taking over the whole city March 15–23.

Hang loose with us and our main squeeze, partner and primo venue HOTA, Home of the Arts, for a week packed with giggles featuring the crème de la crème of international and national comedy stars.





The GC Laughs Gala

HOSTED BY
RHYS NICHOLSON

A radical week of massive laughs needs to start the right way, and the GC Laughs Gala is all that.

The totally hilarious, tricked out line up of legends on the Coast, all on the one night and all in the one show. Get your tickets to the freshest, most slammin' show at the fest before they're all gone.

Seats are limited, book now!

DATE FRI 15/03 TIME 7:30 PM
ROOM THEATRE 1 TICKETS \$69.90 +BF

LATE LAUGHS



Late Laughs

The best comedy antics always happen after dark! If the laughs haven't swept you there already, get to HOTA for a late-night comedy set starring some of the Festival's best local and international talent.

If you like your comedy a little crazy, you'll love Late Laughs.

DATE SAT 16/03 & SAT 23/03
TIME 10:00 PM ROOM BASEMENT TICKETS \$30 +BF

JUNKYARD ARTISTS PRESENTS

Alexandra Hudson

MAKING LEMONADE

If Alexandra is considered one of life's lemons, she's going use it to make herself some sweet lemonade.

Alexandra's debut show explores her experiences as a disabled woman and how she uses the misconceptions society has about her to flip it back on them.

DATE SAT 16/03 **TIME 7:00 PM**
ROOM STUDIO 1 **TICKETS \$30.00 +BF**



TOKEN EVENTS PRESENTS

Ben Kochan

WINNING SMILE

Ben's been keeping his eyes open lately and his nose well and truly to the grindstone. He's tried to stop looking at his phone as much. He walks down the street, no phone. Sits in a waiting room, no phone. Gets an uber, zero phone.

"Kochan is a silly guy."

BEAT MAGAZINE

DATE SAT 23/03 **TIME 6:30 PM**
ROOM THEATRE 2 **TICKETS \$30.00 +BF**

BEN RUSSELL PRESENTS

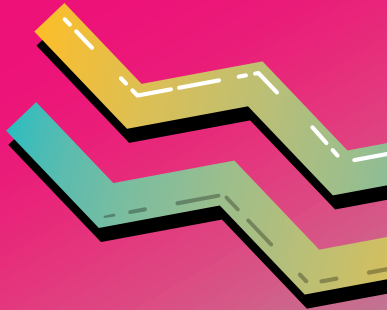
Ben Russell

After years of struggling with addiction, Ben uses his new found sobriety as a jump off point to explore his past, his clear-headed present and ask "what's next?" What got him to this point and how do we move on after we've taken the first big steps?

"An electric and surreal tour de force."

★★★★ SYDNEY MORNING HERALD

DATE SAT 23/03 TIME 8:30 PM
ROOM BASEMENT TICKETS \$30.00 +BF



TOKEN EVENTS PRESENTS

Bronwyn Kuss

PILLOWS XXXX

I've accidentally stolen \$300 from a much more famous comedian. Far too embarrassed to confess in person, so I've written a show about it instead.

"A magnetic performer."

★★★★☆ THEATRE MATTERS, 2023

DATE FRI 22/03 TIME 8:30 PM
ROOM THEATRE 2 TICKETS \$30.00 +BF

JUNKYARD ARTISTS PRESENTS

Damien Power

NOT SO FUNNY NOW IS IT?

2023 was a great year for Damien Power, he released his stand-up special 'Alone In The Crowd' and wrote and starred in his own series 'Expanded Minds Only', released on Grouse House TV. In 2024, Damien is coming in hot with a new hour of must-see stand up.

"He's cooked up his best show in half a decade."

★★★★☆ THE AGE

DATE THUR 21/03 TIME 8:00 PM
ROOM BASEMENT TICKETS \$35.00 +BF



ALIST.COM.AU PRESENTS

Daniel Muggleton

BLINDED BY THE WHITES

This show is named after a song by The Streets called 'Blinded by the Lights' about taking ecstasy in a British nightclub. Muggleton's not saying watching him do comedy will feel that good, but the comedown is much smoother and tracksuits are still appropriate attire.

"If you're easily offended he will make a meal of you." THE ADVERTISER

DATE WED 20/3 TIME 8:30 PM
ROOM BASEMENT TICKETS \$30.00 +BF

JUNKYARD ARTISTS PRESENTS

Danielle Walker

THE LADY UPSTAIRS

There's a lady in my head who runs the show, I'm just her mouthpiece.

DATE SAT 23/03 **TIME 8:30 PM**
ROOM STUDIO 1 **TICKETS \$30.00 +BF**



CHRIS MARTIN & TAYLOR EDWARDS PRESENT

Date Night

CHRIS MARTIN & TAYLOR EDWARDS

Shave your legs, brush your teeth, and do all your farts at work, because it's DATE NIGHT! A brand new sketch comedy show from Chris Martin and Taylor Edwards, two of Brisbane's best comedy writers, who also happen to be a couple, get a room!

"Delivered belly-laughing joke after belly-laughing joke." THEATRE TRAVELS

DATE THUR 21/03 **TIME 8:30 PM**
ROOM STUDIO 1 **TICKETS \$30.00 +BF**



TOKEN EVENTS PRESENTS

Dave Hughes

FULLY FURNISHED

Hughesy was born to play the Gold Coast Laughs Festival. It's the highlight of his year. His new show is incredible. Don't miss it!

"A master of his trade."

★★★★★ THE ADVERTISER

DATE SAT 16/03 TIME 7:15 PM
ROOM THEATRE 1 TICKETS \$49.00 +BF



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TOKEN EVENTS PRESENTS

Dilruk Jayasinha

PRELOVED

After a year of heartache (and a heart attack), Dilruk has been trying to put himself back together again—without the help of all the Kings horses and all the King's men. Who quite frankly, were useless. Especially the horses.

★★★★★ TIME OUT, 2023

DATE THUR 21/03 TIME 6:30 PM
ROOM BASEMENT TICKETS \$35.00 +BF



DUSTY RICH PRESENTS

Dusty Rich

ADDDHDDD

If chaos theory was a life liver it's name would be Dusty Rich. It has a mission but it can't figure out what it is, neither does it think it is important. Unrivaled on a comedy stage it's velocity may never be able to be quantified. Experience it and behold.

DATE SAT 16/03 TIME 7:00 PM
ROOM BASEMENT TICKETS \$39.00 +BF



CENTURY PRESENTS

Ed Byrne

TRAGEDY PLUS TIME

From the quote attributed to Mark Twain, humour is defined as Tragedy Plus Time. Come and join Ed as he tests that formula by mining the most tragic event in his life for laughs.

"Hilarious, extremely dark, profoundly touching and resolutely unsentimental. Ed Byrne has plumbed the very depths of his soul and found something verging on greatness."
ROLLING STONE, 2023

DATE SAT 23/03 TIME 9:30 PM
ROOM LAKESIDE TICKETS \$44.90 +BF

LAUGHING STOCK PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

Felicity Ward

I'M EXHAUSTING!

Star of the upcoming *The Office* (Australia), Felicity Ward returns home for her first national tour in 5 years, only to make you laugh! Out loud. For all 60 minutes. Birth, Quorn, fingering, and transition lenses, there's no matter too big or too small that she can't get worked up about. As seen on *Wakefield*. As heard on *The Guilty Feminist Podcast*.

"The strongest single hour of solid jokes comes from Felicity Ward, that's basically all this show is: gag after gag after gag, in a rolling, ballsy, crazy show that draws near-standing ovations."

★★★★★ THE TIMES

DATE FRI 22/03 TIME 6:30 PM
ROOM LAKESIDE TICKETS \$36-\$39 +BF



MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL PRESENTS

Fern Brady

I GAVE YOU MILK TO DRINK

Scotland's queen of comedy Fern Brady (Taskmaster UK, Live At The Apollo) is back in Australja with a brand new show. What happens when you get everything you want and it's not enough? What if you want to run a small goat farm in rural Greece instead? This is a great show to come and see if you are a fan of the Scottish comedian Fern Brady.

"She's absolutely fearless, there's nowhere she won't go and nothing she won't say on stage and she'll switch from snarling and menacing to sweet and girlish in an instant. It's a killer combination."

★★★★★ THE SCOTSMAN

DATE THUR 21/03 TIME 7:00 PM
ROOM STUDIO 1 TICKETS \$34-\$38 +BF

TOKEN EVENTS PRESENTS

Geraldine Hickey

DON'T TEASE ME ABOUT MY GLOVES

I now wear gloves because I have a thing called Raynaud's Disease/Phenomenon/Syndrome. I had never heard of it, and not many other people have.

This show is just an opportunity to explain what Raynaud's is to as many people at once, because doing it individually is a pain.

"Cements her as one of the festival's feel-good champions." THE SATURDAY PAPER, 2023

DATE SAT 16/03 TIME 6:45 PM
ROOM LAKESIDE TICKETS \$39.00 +BF



LAUGHING STOCK PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

He Huang

TIGER DAUGHTER VS THE WORLD

Get ready for a hilarious journey around the globe with 'Tiger Daughter' He Huang—whether she's getting lost in translation at exotic bazaars or navigating ancient ruins with an absurdly inappropriate guidebook, her adventures will have you laughing out loud.

As seen on *Australia's Got Talent*, and *Thank God You're Here*.

DATE SAT 16/03 TIME 8:30 PM
ROOM STUDIO 1 TICKETS \$32-\$34 +BF

LAUGHING STOCK PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

Heath Franklin's Chopper

NOT HERE TO F*CK SPIDERS

Australia's MOST WANTED comedian Heath Franklin's Chopper is back after three years off... and he's not here to fuck spiders.

That's right. Even if they're dressed in a sexy spider nurse outfit. He just hasn't got the time.

And neither do you.

So either get up and get busy or tell somebody else who gives a shit. Cos we're not here to...

Join Chopper for the best night out in yonks.

DATE SAT 16/03 **TIME 8:30 PM**
ROOM LAKESIDE **TICKETS \$38-\$42 +BF**



LAUGHING STOCK PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

Ivan Aristeguieta

TOO EASY

Now that Ivan is a true blue Aussie, nothing bothers him anymore. Nada.

Google finds him everything. Siri tells him where to go. Even ChatGPT is writing this blurb. Too Easy! In fact, he doesn't have to do a thing. As long as his phone is charged, there is Wi-Fi and he's always near a toilet. Too Easy!

DATE SAT 23/03 **TIME 6:30 PM**
ROOM LAKESIDE **TICKETS \$36-\$39 +BF**



ALIST.COM.AU PRESENTS

Lawrence Mooney

PIGEONHOLE

Have you got a mouth full of feathers, can you hear cooing, are you feeling slightly cramped? Take a moment before sharing yourself with the world because everyone wants to jam you in a goddamn Pigeonhole.

"Mooney's expert comedic timing has you laughing too much!!!"

★★★★ TIME OUT

DATE WED 20/03 TIME 8:30 PM
ROOM LAKESIDE TICKETS \$39.00 +BF



CENTURY PRESENTS

Luke Heggie

GROGAN

These are the tribulations of someone just trying to stay alive until he's dead, while attempting to remain a man of the people. The people aren't really honouring their end of the bargain. In fact, most of them are heading in the right direction for a smack.

No lowbreeds please.

"Utterly extraordinary... A knock-out."

★★★★★ THE AGE

DATE THUR 21/03, FRI 22/03
TIME 9:30 PM, 8:00 PM
ROOM BASEMENT
TICKETS \$30.00 +BF



TOKEN EVENTS PRESENTS

Mel Buttle

NOT HERE TO PUT SOCKS ON CENTIPEDES

I'll just let loose this year, how's that sound?

You know when you're in a cafe and someone comes in who's friends with the owner, and they're chatting and laughing, and you're just standing there. Well, I hate that feeling. This is a show about things like that.

"Buttle was born with impeccable timing, a penchant for the absurd and the ability to pick out the threads of the ludicrous in the most mundane of daily tapestries."

GQ AUSTRALIA

DATE SAT 23/03 TIME 8:00 PM
ROOM LAKESIDE TICKETS \$49.00 +BF



CENTURY PRESENTS

Micky Bartlett

THICC

Having sold-out shows in Australia, America and all over Europe, Northern Ireland comedy colossus Micky Bartlett returns to Australia with a unique blend of razor-sharp wit and anecdotes that would make a psychiatrist blush.

Stacked with hilarious jokes and embarrassing over-shares, if you love laughing until your belly hurts this is the show for you!

"Bartlett is one of the finest comedy talents this country has ever produced."

BELFAST LIVE

DATE WED 20/03 TIME 7:00 PM
ROOM BASEMENT TICKETS \$35.00 +BF

JUBILEE STREET PRESENTS

Nazeem Hussain

TOTALLY NORMAL

Have you ever wondered what Nazeem Hussain does during a 2-year break? Me neither, and I'm him. But here's the news: Nazeem's back and as 'Totally Normal' as ever. 'Totally Normal' is Nazeem's brand new stand-up show, and he'll be hitting stages around Australia in 2024. Whether you've laughed at him on TV, followed him on TikTok, or perhaps tailed him in real life (creepy, but he appreciates the commitment), now's your chance to strap in for a full dose of Nazeem, live and up-close.

"Reinventing Australian comedy."

HERALD SUN

DATE THUR 21/03 TIME 7:00 PM
ROOM LAKESIDE TICKETS \$39.00 +BF



JUBILEE STREET PRESENTS

Ray O'Leary

YOUR LAUGHTER IS JUST MAKING ME STRONGER

Known for his deadpan delivery and iconic grey suit, in 2023, Ray made his Australian debut to sold-out audiences with his new show, Everything Funny All The Time Always and was nominated for Best Newcomer at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival. Ray is a staple on Australasian television screens and can be seen on *Have You Been Paying Attention?* *The Cheap Seats*, *Thank God You're Here* and *Taskmaster NZ* season 4.

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ROOM STUDIO 1 TICKETS \$30.00 +BF



CENTURY PRESENTS

Rhys Nicholson

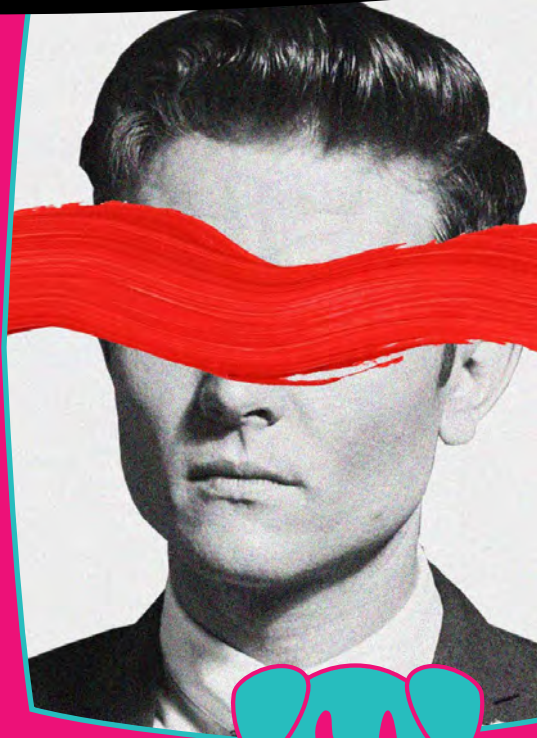
HUGE BIG PARTY CONGRATULATIONS

On this, the year of our Lord 2024, it's a brand new, hour-long, stand-up comedy concert from your ol' pal Rhys Nicholson! Only a coward wouldn't attend. As seen on *RuPaul's Drag Race*, *Taskmaster* and Netflix.

"This is a genuinely great stand-up comedian at work, in total command of their material and audience, and it's awe-inspiring to watch."

★★★★ TIME OUT

DATE SAT 16/03 TIME 8:30 PM
ROOM BASEMENT TICKETS \$35.00 +BF



TOKEN EVENTS PRESENTS

Sam Taunton

HOW TO TIE A TIE

Sam took over as a host on *The Project* in 2023. He couldn't tie a tie. Whenever he'd wear one, he'd look like an outer suburban real-estate agent or a teenager on his way to court.

He has overcome this huge personal and professional hurdle and is back with a huge new hour of comedy.

"Serendipitous comedy gold."

★★★★ THE AGE

DATE SAT 23/03 TIME 7:00 PM
ROOM BASEMENT TICKETS \$35.00 +BF

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CENTURY PRESENTS

Schalk Bezuidenhout

KEEPING UP

Newly married, Schalk feels older, wiser and much more mature (possibly), but all he wants is to stay "hip with the youth". Can he do it? Can he Keep Up?

As seen on Netflix and Comedy Central.

| *"Fast-rising talent"* THE GUARDIAN

DATE FRI 22/03 TIME 8:30 PM
ROOM LAKESIDE TICKETS \$39.00 +BF



SONIA DI IORIO PRESENTS

Sonia Di Iorio

I'M NOT A ROBOT

A sharp new show from this rising comic star about how much better her life would be if she was a robot.

Sonia's opened for Ronny Chieng, performed at Splendour in the Grass and writes for Network Ten's *The Project*.

She brings her 10+ years of stand-up experience to her most formidable hour of laughs yet.

DATE FRI 22/03 TIME 6:30 PM
ROOM BASEMENT TICKETS \$30.00 +BF

TAKASHI WAKASUGI PRESENTS

Takashi Wakasugi

JAPANESE AUSSIE

Takashi has lived in Australia for five years. The more Aussie he becomes, the more he loves Australia. The more he loves Australia, the more he wants to write jokes about it. This show is about his understanding and love about his favourite country, Australia.

"Funny, clever and insightful."

★★★★ ARTSHUB

DATE SAT 16/03 TIME 5:30 PM
ROOM BASEMENT TICKETS \$30.00 +BF



ALIST.COM.AU PRESENTS

The Stevenson Experience

STRANGER TWINS

The Stevo's return to Brisbane with an encore of their smash-hit show. Side-splitting songs, razor sharp stand-up and hilarious banter combine for an hour of non-stop laughs.

Author Of #1 Bestseller, *Everyone In My Family Has Killed Someone*. As seen on Melbourne International Comedy Festival Allstars Show.

"Nothing can prepare you, an absolute highlight of fringe that had the audience in stitches."

★★★★☆ THE ADVERTISER

DATE FRI 22/03 TIME 7:00 PM
ROOM THEATRE 2 TICKETS \$35.00 +BF

ALIST.COM.AU PRESENTS

The Umbilical Brothers

THE DISTRACTION

Do you love staring at screens? Are you staring at a screen right now? You should get out more. Specifically to a show that has an enormous screen smack-bang in the middle of it. The Umbilicals take the energy of live performance and the spectacle of cinema and smashes them together into a new show performed simultaneously on stage and on the big screen.

"An unmissable and unforgettable comedy experience, mind-blowing special effects, it's truly a roller-coaster of inventiveness, I've seen 37 shows in three days and when people ask for a recommendation—this is it."

★★★★★ BROADWAY BABY

DATE SAT 23/03 TIME 5:00 PM
ROOM THEATRE 1 TICKETS \$54.90 +BF



ALIST.COM.AU PRESENTS

Ting Lim

WELL...THIS IS AWKWARD

As seen on award winning show *Fisk*, Ting returns with a brand new show. Ting is halfway through her 30s and thought she had life figured out—if you don't know how to do something, outsource it to someone who does. Turns out this is why she needs therapy and how she found herself fumbling through the following situations:

- ▶ Being a plus one at a funeral
- ▶ Fighting a MJ impersonator
- ▶ Getting roasted by her mum despite telling her not to

"Ting is dry like a good martini...one of the hottest up-and-coming comedians on the circuit."

WEEKEND NOTES

DATE FRI 22/03 TIME 7:00 PM
ROOM STUDIO 1 TICKETS \$30.00 +BF

JUBILEE STREET PRESENTS

Tom Cashman

EVERYTHING

You may have seen him on TikTok or *Taskmaster*, but now's your chance to catch him live. Tom is bringing his unique brand of hilariously analytical stand-up with his new show *Everything*. The show features graphs, gags, embarrassing stories, you know, everything.

Tom's best known for his role as the assistant to the *Taskmaster* Tom Gleeson on *Taskmaster Australia*, and has guested on other TV shows like *The Project*, *Question Everything* and *The Hundred with Andy Lee*.

"Tom Cashman is one of the most delightfully watchable comics I have seen."

THE SCOTSMAN

DATE SAT 23/03 TIME 7:00 PM
ROOM STUDIO 1 TICKETS \$30.00 +BF



TOKEN EVENTS PRESENTS

Tom Walker

MY TREASURES MY BEAUTIFUL TREASURES

Tom Walker is here to show you his beautiful treasures! His many beautiful treasures! All his shining things! This is a show about obsession, the internet and pathetic men. A collection of beautiful moments from across time and space, all condensed down into an hour of comedy.

"A gloriously, relentlessly, irrepressibly unhinged blast of off-the-wall insanity." ★★★★★☆

CHORTLE, UK

DATE SAT 23/03 TIME 8:00 PM
ROOM THEATRE 2 TICKETS \$30.00 +BF

TOKEN EVENTS PRESENTS

Tommy Little

TOMMY LITTLE HAS A REGULAR SIZE DECK

Spend an evening with the reigning deckhead of Australian comedy, Tommy Little.

His razor-sharp wit, wild stories and infectious energy is guaranteed to deliver an hour that will leave you in stitches.

Don't miss out on this unforgettable night and book early to avoid disappointment!

"Comedy gold from the get-go."

HERALD SUN

DATE SAT 23/03 **TIME 8:00 PM**
ROOM THEATRE 1 **TICKETS \$49.00 +BF**



Comedy at **HOTA** HOME OF THE ARTS

We have partnered with the Home of the Arts to bring you a side-splitting week of comedy with international, national and local acts - you'll see some of the biggest names in comedy performing in the Theatre, comedy crushers from all over Australia and abroad packing out Lakeside, and some intimate, hilarious shows taking place in The Basement, Theatre 2 and Studio 1.

We couldn't be more excited to bring you an incredible comedy festival at the Gold Coast's best venue for it!



FRIDAY 15 MARCH

7:30 PM **The GC Laughs Gala** Theatre 1

SATURDAY 16 MARCH

5:30 PM **Takashi Wakasugi** Basement

6:45 PM **Geraldine Hickey** Lakeside

7:00 PM **Dusty Rich** Basement

7:00 PM **Alexandra Hudson** Studio 1

7:15 PM **Dave Hughes** Theatre 1

8:30 PM **Rhys Nicholson** Basement

8:30 PM **He Huang** Studio 1

8:30 PM **Heath Franklin's Chopper** Lakeside

10:00 PM **Late Laughs** Basement

WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH

7:00 PM **Micky Bartlett** Basement

8:30 PM **Lawrence Mooney** Lakeside

8:30 PM **Daniel Muggleton** Basement

THURSDAY 21 MARCH

6:30 PM **Dilruk Jayasinha** Basement

7:00 PM **Nazeem Hussain** Lakeside

7:00 PM **Fern Brady** Studio 1

8:00 PM **Damien Power** Basement

8:30 PM **Date Night** Studio 1

9:30 PM **Luke Heggie** Basement

FRIDAY 22 MARCH

6:30 PM **Felicity Ward** Lakeside

6:30 PM **Sonia Di Iorio** Basement

7:00 PM **Ting Lim** Studio 1

7:00 PM **The Stevenson Experience** Theatre 2

8:00 PM **Luke Heggie** Basement

8:30 PM **Schalk Bezuidenhout** Lakeside

8:30 PM **Ray O'Leary** Studio 1

8:30 PM **Bronwyn Kuss** Theatre 2

SATURDAY 23 MARCH

5:00 PM **The Umbilical Brothers** Theatre 1

6:30 PM **Ivan Aristeguieta** Lakeside

6:30 PM **Ben Kochan** Theatre 2

7:00 PM **Sam Taunton** Basement

7:00 PM **Tom Cashman** Studio 1

8:00 PM **Tommy Little** Theatre 1

8:00 PM **Mel Buttle** Lakeside

8:00 PM **Tom Walker** Theatre 2

8:30 PM **Ben Russell** Basement

8:30 PM **Danielle Walker** Studio 1

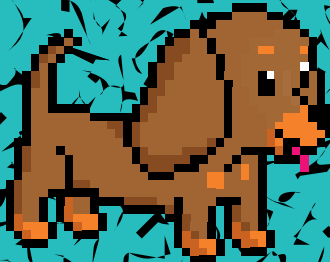
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A Big Sloppy Kiss to Our Partners

We wouldn't be able to bring you the Gold Coast's biggest week of comedy without our partners. Not just partners, friends. Our best friends. They fill our hands with beers, help us reach new ears and even let us sleep over after shows.

