



MEDIA RELEASE
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The Aunty Jack Show is back ... live on stage

The Aunty Jack Show is back – in a live ‘Tell All’ stage show with Grahame Bond and Rory O’Donoghue, premiering at the 2006 Big Laugh Comedy Festival then touring Australia.

The Aunty Jack Show ... and Tell will play at the Riverside Theatres in Parramatta on March 30 and 31, 2006, and the State Theatre Sydney on April 1, then tour to Melbourne, Brisbane, Canberra, Perth, Hobart and Adelaide.

The Aunty Jack Show burst on to Australian television screens in 1971. There had never been anything like Aunty Jack. Grahame Bond’s outrageous character, the bikie and self proclaimed “Queen of Wollongong”, was the antithesis of television presenters - a mustachioed hostess who threatened to jump out of viewer’s television sets and “Rip their bloody arms off.” Aunty Jack and her cast of characters, Thin Arthur, Narrator Neville and Flange Desire, brought a new sense of humour to our screens - irreverent, bizarre, and full of original music (a rarity for a comedy series) and uniquely Australian.

Now *The Aunty Jack Show* is back - with the DVD of the first series released on December 1, and in the live stage show. Grahame and Rory are Australian comedy legends. Together they wrote the incredibly popular music for the show – ‘Farewell Aunty Jack’ being one of Australia’s most loved songs.

In ***The Aunty Jack Show ... and Tell*** expect to hear death-defying tales - Thin Arthur’s suicidal stories of life in the sidecar, Aunty Jack’s near death experience with Colin the rogue elephant, the threats that came from Wollongong, the threats that came from the ABC and rude moments from Nude Radio.

And there are the answers to those nagging questions - What did Aunty Jack wear under her inflatable frock? Did Thin Arthur go on a dangerous fad diet? And who is Narrator Neville and Flange Desire’s love child?

Grahame and Rory are going to tell it all - the naked truth ... with their clothes on.

Grahame Bond has won numerous awards, including a Logie for Best Australian Comedy (*Aunty Jack*) and an Awgie Award from the Australian Writer’s Guild in Recognition for his Contribution to Australian Comedy.

Rory was awarded an AFI Award in 1981 for his and Grahame Bond’s music in the feature film *Fatty Finn* and in 1983, Rory composed the music for the documentary *Australia on the Breeze* which he also narrated.

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BIG LAUGH COMEDY FESTIVAL

Venue: Riverside Theatre, Riverside Theatres

Address: Corner Church and Market Streets, Parramatta

Date: Thursday 30 March & Friday 31 March

Time: 7.30pm

Bookings: 8839 3399 or www.biglaughcomedyfestival.com.au

Ticket Prices: A Reserve \$69.00 B Reserve \$57.00

Venue: State Theatre, Sydney

Address: 49 Market St, Sydney

Date: Saturday 1 April

Time: 8.00pm

Bookings: 132 849 or www.ticketek.com

Ticket Prices: A Reserve \$69.00 B Reserve \$57.00

www.auntyjack.org

