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RADIO STAR CHRISTIAN O'CONNELL MAKES THE SWITCH FROM UK FOR MELBOURNE'S GOLD

THE CHRISTIAN O'CONNELL BREAKFAST SHOW SET TO LAUNCH MONDAY 4TH JUNE

Friday 18th May, 2018 – The arrival of British international radio star **Christian O'Connell** to the Pure Gold network is only weeks away with the highly successful ***Christian O'Connell Breakfast Show*** launching on Melbourne's **GOLD104.3** on **Monday 4th June**.

Melbourne's newest Breakfast show host, and one of the most awarded radio icons in the world, will today hang up his headphones in the UK at Absolute Radio before setting off with his family for their new life in Australia in a world first radio coup.

Of the move, GOLD104.3's Christian O'Connell said: "It's been a pleasure and a privilege to broadcast on Absolute Radio across the UK for the past 12 years to two million people, but I'm now looking forward to heading to Melbourne to start my new show on GOLD104.3, and my family is excited to live in such an exciting and vibrant city, and in a country that has more than three sunny days a year," he said.

"Six years ago I broadcast uninvited into Australia from the UK with two chancers called Hamish and Andy, and from Monday June 4th I'll be hosting my brand new breakfast show in Melbourne. I've ditched those two but hired someone from their amazing show."



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ARN is also excited to announce today that **Jack Post** will join *The Christian O'Connell Breakfast Show*. **Also known as Cacklin' Jack from the Hamish & Andy Show**, Jack will take on the role of producer and sidekick.

For the past 10 years Jack has worked on creative and production for the Hamish & Andy Show and has also worked on their TV series, 'Hamish & Andy's Gap Year'. The radio stalwart, who began his career in radio at the age of 15 as an announcer on Melbourne's community radio station SYN FM, has most recently been working with Hamish & Andy on their podcast.

"I'm excited to continue executing my simple career strategy: only work with radio's most talented presenters and see how far their success can carry you," Jack Post said.

"I've been a fan of Christian's show for a long time and I can't wait to see how Melbourne embraces him."

ARN's National Content Director Duncan Campbell said: "After a lot of planning and preparation I am genuinely excited to be welcoming Christian and his family to Australia next week.

"His internationally acclaimed show format has made him one of the world's most awarded radio hosts and reinforces ARN's commitment to delivering innovative and high quality content to our audiences. Melbourne listeners haven't heard anything like this before.

"We're also announcing today that Jack Post as who is a well-known content producer and creative in Australia, will join Christian in launching *The Christian O'Connell Breakfast Show* on Monday June 4."

Helping Christian launch his new Melbourne Breakfast show will be his Absolute Radio producer and friend, Australian Nick Daly.

In an uncanny coincidence, it was exactly six years ago today that Christian was involved in another world first when he teamed up with Hamish & Andy to simulcast his radio show in Britain and Australia on May 18, 2012.

Christian will travel to Melbourne with his two children Ruby (13), Lois (11), his wife Sarah and their dog German Shepherd, Nisha.

Christian is the youngest ever inductee into the UK's Radio Academy Hall of Fame and winner of more Radio Academy Awards than any other person – he is also a successful stand-up comedian, author and TV presenter.

The Christian O'Connell Breakfast Show will commence on Monday 4th June.

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Its KIIS network consists of Sydney's KIIS 1065 with Kyle & Jackie O, Melbourne's KIIS 101.1 with Jase & PJ, Adelaide's Mix102.3 with Jodie & Soda, Brisbane's 97.3FM with Bianca, Terry & Bob and Perth's 96FM with Paul & Lise. The National Drive Show across all stations is Will & Woody.

Its Pure Gold network consists of Sydney's WS FM101.7 with Jonesy & Amanda, Melbourne's GOLD104.3 with Christian O'Connell, Brisbane's 4KQ with Laurel, Gary & Mark and Adelaide's Cruise 1323 with John Dean.

The Edge is available on FM as The Edge 96.ONE in Sydney and nationally via iHeartRadio and DAB+. The Edge Breakfast hosts are Mike E & Emma.

ARN also launched iHeartRadio, the world's fastest growing digital service, to the Australian market in 2013 and the platform has had over 1,541,000 downloads of the app. iHeartRadio is a free, all-in-one radio, music streaming, podcast and live events platform. In addition to being able to access their favourite music from around the globe, audiences can access their favourite stations in Australia from ARN, the ABC, SBS and Fairfax, as well as stations from New Zealand and the USA.

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