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ARN LANDS 43 NOMINATIONS AS 2018 ACRAS FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

Sunday, August 26th 2018 – Finalists for the 30th annual Australian Commercial Radio Awards have been announced, with ARN celebrating an impressive 43 finalists across 30 categories.

Two of ARN's most popular on-air teams, **Kyle & Jackie O on KIIS 1065** and **Jonesy & Amanda on WSFM** are both nominated for the prestigious Metropolitan FM Best On-Air Team category.

ARN's Brisbane AM Breakfast team **Laurel, Gary & Mark on 4KQ** are nominated for the Metropolitan AM Best On-Air Team category.

The Edge's Mike E & Emma are once again finalists in the Best On-Air Team – Provincial.

ARN's **National News Director Deborah Clay** is nominated for the coveted Brian White Award For Radio Journalism.

ARN's finalists are featured across a range of categories showing the depth of talent across the company including **on-air talent, production, digital, marketing, integration, activations, sales and news.**

Entries were received from 260 metropolitan and regional radio stations across Australia. Winners will be announced at a gala black-tie event at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre on Saturday, 20 October.

The full list of ARN finalists are:

Best On-Air Team – Metro FM

- **The Kyle & Jackie O Show;** Kyle Sandilands & Jackie Henderson, KIIS 1065
- **Jonesy & Amanda;** Brendan Jones & Amanda Keller, WSFM

Best On-Air Team – Metro AM

- **Laurel, Gary & Mark;** Laurel Edwards, Gary Clare & Mark Hine, 4KQ

Best On-Air Team – Provincial

- **Mike E & Emma;** Michael Etheridge & Emma Chow, The Edge

Best Entertainment Presenter - Provincial

- **Tanya Hennessy;** hit104.7, Canberra (JV with SCA)



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Best Syndicated Australian Program

- **The iHeartRadio Countdown;** iHeartRadio Team

Best Sports Presenter - Provincial

- **Nick Rysteski;** Mix 106.3, Canberra (JV with SCA)

Best Networked Program

- **Kyle & Jackie O's Hour of Power;** Kyle Sandilands & Jackie Henderson

Best Music Presenter

- **Steve Fitton;** WSFM

Best Marketing Campaign

- **KIIS1065 & Kyle & Jackie O;** ARN Marketing & KIIS1065 Content Team

Engineering Excellence

- **Hit104.7 Skyfire 30;** Mitchell Jamieson-Curran & Canberra Engineering, hit104.7, Canberra (JV with SCA)

Brian White Award For Radio Journalism

- **Deborah Clay;** WSFM

Best Sports Event Coverage

- **Raiders on MIX 106.3;** Chris Coleman, Nick Rysteski, Adam Jansen & Rod Cuddihy, Mix 106.3, Canberra (JV with SCA) – Non Metro

Best News Presenter – Provincial

- **Kate Rice;** Mix 106.3, Canberra (JV with SCA)

Best News Presenter – Metro FM

- **Hope Fabillar;** 97.3FM

Best Digital Radio Format

- **Elf Radio;** The iHeartRadio Team

Best Show Producer – Entertainment/Music

- **Bruno Bouchet;** Kyle & Jackie O Show, KIIS 1065

Best Promotions Director

- **Charlene Khawam;** The Edge – Non Metro
- **Annette George;** WSFM
- **Andy Procopis;** KIIS & GOLD Networks
- **Emma Drennan;** KIIS 1065, WSFM & The Edge



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Best Documentary

- **Everybody's Sister Connie Johnson;** Kristen Henry, Mix 106.3, Canberra (JV with SCA) – Non Metro
- **Jimmy Barnes & Ryan Jon discuss Biological Fathers vs Father Figures;** Ryan Jon, Tanya Hennessy, Matty Heap & Rhys Keir, hit104.7, Canberra (JV with SCA) – Non Metro

Best Achievement In Production

- **Chris Davis;** KIIS Network

Best Music Special

- **Paul McCartney ONE-ON-ONE with Amanda Keller;** WSFM Content, Campaigns & Activations & Amanda Keller

Best Station Sales Achievement

- **ARN Brisbane Agency Sales Team**

Best Agency Salesperson

- **Jade Randall**

Best Direct Salesperson

- **Susie Michaels;** KIIS & Pure Gold Network
- **Stephanie Evans;** 97.3FM

Best Station Produced Commercial – Single

- **Merry Crimsafe;** Geoff Bickerton & Gregg Sinclair, 97.3FM

Best Sales Promotion

- **Kyle & Jackie O's You Get A Car;** KIIS 1065 Campaigns & Activations, Content, Integration & Sales
- **Mike E & Emma's Swift Roulette;** The Edge Campaigns & Content – Provincial

Best Multimedia Execution – Sales

- **The KIIS101.1 Cube;** KIIS 101.1 Content and Campaigns & Activations
- **Kyle & Jackie O's You Get A Car;** KIIS 1065 Campaigns & Activations, Content, Integration and Sales

Best Multimedia Execution – Station

- **KIIS1065 Mardi Gras Partnership;** KIIS1065 Content, Campaigns & Activations and Marketing Team
- **Hit104.7 Skyfire 30;** Zak Davies, Ned Breward, Josh Torney, Matty Heap, Rod Cuddihy, Adam Jansen, Bethany Larsen, Taylor Hunt, Alexandra Carlon & Georgia Duck, hit104.7, Canberra (JV with SCA) – provincial



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Best Station Promotion

- **Jase & PJ's Perfect Pour;** Jase & PJ - KIIS101.1 Content and Campaigns & Activations
- **Jodie & Soda Make Alex's Day;** Jodie Oddy, Mark Soderstrom & MIX102.3 Content and Campaigns & Activations

Best Community Service Project

- **2017 Gold Appeal - Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation;** Brendan Jones, Amanda Keller, WSFM Campaigns & Activations and WSFM Content teams
- **Jodie & Soda Make Alex's Day;** Jodie Oddy, Mark Soderstrom, Mix 102.3 Content and Campaigns & Activations

Best Newcomer Off-Air

- **Pedro Cuccovillo Vitola;** KIIS 1065
- **Adam Khalaf;** WSFM
- **Nat Penfold;** The Edge - Provincial

About ARN

ARN is one of the leading broadcasters in the country with ownership or investments in 12 radio stations nationwide. Its network brands KIIS and Pure Gold, along with iHeartRadio and The Edge, entertain and influence over four million listeners across Australia.

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, Mike & 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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