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IHEARTRADIO TO HOST WORLD'S FIRST MAJOR LIVE PODCAST AWARDS – JANUARY 2019

AUSSIES CAN VOTE FOR THEIR FAVOURITE PODCASTS!

Wednesday, December 19, 2018 – iHeartRadio is set to host to the **first-ever live iHeartRadio Podcast Awards** in Los Angeles on **January 18, 2019** – and Australian listeners can help decide the results by voting for their favourite podcasts.

This exciting major awards event will celebrate the very best in podcasting, across 22 categories, and **honour the incredible talent and leaders of the booming podcasting industry** including the most entertaining and innovative podcasts of 2018 with ***Atlanta Monster, Dirty John, Hardcore History, Joe Rogan, Radiolab, Serial, Slow Burn, Stuff You Should Know, The Daily*** and ***The Habitat*** nominated for **Podcast of the Year**. Nominees include podcasts from all creators, distributors and platforms — not just those developed by or available on the iHeartRadio Podcast Network.

Aussie fans can vote for their favourite podcasts from now through January 6, 2019 online and on Twitter and Instagram. Visit iHeartPodcastAwards.com for a complete list of nominees and voting details.

iHeartRadio Australia has the largest podcast library in the country with more than 1.4 million podcast episodes, taken from almost 12,000 contributors from around the globe. There is no better time than the holiday season to discover and enjoy the best of international and local podcasts available on iHeartRadio – including KIIS 106.5's Kyle & Jackie O, WSFM's Jonesy & Amanda, KIIS 101.1's Jase & PJ, GOLD104.3's Christian O'Connell and KIIS FM's Will & Woody drive show podcasts, or listen live to all of ARN's stations on the iHeartRadio app over the summer break.

Plus there's a special holiday treat for iHeartRadio Australia listeners - ***The Ron Burgundy Podcast*** will launch on the platform in early 2019. This highly anticipated co-production with *Funny or Die* marks the return of the legendary anchorman himself, Ron Burgundy (A.K.A Will Ferrell), who has been delighting fans all over the world since the hit movie *Anchorman* was released in 2004. Sure to include the "top-notch" reporting that made Burgundy the beloved personality he is today, stay tuned for more details coming soon.



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Geraint Davies, COO of iHeartRadio Australia said: "With the increasing popularity of podcasts in Australia, it's an exciting time to be involved in these awards that celebrate the most innovative and creative content.

"The event is also largely a celebration of listeners, and we're giving our loyal Aussie audience the opportunity to vote in 17 of the 22 categories.

"With iHeartRadio being the leading publisher of podcasts globally, and with our expertise in events and awards shows, we are well-positioned to build on this inaugural major industry event. We hope these awards inspire even more Australian creators and listeners to embrace podcasting."

The iHeartRadio Podcast Awards is part of iHeartMedia's roster of incredibly successful, nationally recognised events, including the iHeartRadio Music Festival, iHeartRadio Music Awards, the nationwide iHeartRadio Jingle Ball Concert Tour Presented by Capital One®, iHeartRadio Fiesta Latina, iHeartCountry Festival, iHeartRadio ALTer Ego and iHeartRadio Wango Tango.

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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 1.8M downloads of the app. iHeartRadio is a free, all-in-one radio, music streaming, entertainment 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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