

ARN EXTENDS CONTRACTS WITH TOP BREAKFAST TALENT

WITH RENEWED STRATEGY TO DELIVER AUSTRALIA'S MOST COMPREHENSIVE AUDIO OFFERING



Thursday 17th October, 2019 – ARN today announces contracts for three of its top Breakfast Shows – KIIS 106.5's **The Kyle & Jackie O Show**, WSFM's **Jonesy & Amanda in the Morning** and GOLD104.3's **The Christian O'Connell Breakfast Show** have been extended until 2022 and beyond.

The announcement follows ARN's launch of its new positioning '**Defining Audio**' – through **Australia's most complete audio offering**.

Of the re-signing, HT&E Managing Director and ARN CEO **Ciaran Davis** said: "We're excited to be announcing today that Christian, Jonesy & Amanda and Kyle & Jackie O will continue to have their home here at ARN until at least 2022 and beyond.

"ARN continue to lead the market in delivering the most complete and comprehensive Broadcast and On-demand all-in-one-place audio offering for our audience and clients.

"In defining audio, ARN is focused on delivering compelling content at a time when the importance of live and local content delivered by trusted on-air talent has never been greater. Our focus on the very best on-air talent is a key part of the strength of ARN's offering across all channels and we're committed to working together as we innovate our entertainment and business offering."

This investment in Australia's favourite radio talent will see ARN maintain its stronghold in **Sydney** and fuel continued growth in the competitive **Melbourne** market.

ARN's National Content Director **Duncan Campbell** said: "ARN have some of Australia's favourite radio shows and we continue to invest in the best and most trusted talent to connect audiences with entertaining content and the best audio experiences available. Kyle, Jackie, Jonesy, Amanda, and Christian are some of Australia's most loved radio personalities and I am

proud to say they, along with the strength of our broader network talent, are a big part of ARN's plans for the future."

KIIS 1065's **Kyle Sandilands** and **Jackie 'O' Henderson** of *The Kyle & Jackie O Show* and WSFM's **Brendan 'Jonesy' Jones** and **Amanda Keller** of *Jonesy & Amanda in the Morning* are some of the most loved and iconic radio talent in Australia and have consistently dominated the Sydney market, holding the #1FM and #2FM Breakfast positions since ARN created KIIS 1065 in 2014.

Of staying with KIIS 1065, **Kyle Sandilands** said: "Obviously Jackie and I decided to re-sign with ARN, we launched KIIS 1065 so we really feel like it's our station. Plus our show keeps getting better every year. It's a great time for us and for radio in Sydney."

Jackie 'O' Henderson added: "Kyle and I truly love our listeners, our incredible guests, and have so much fun working together. Not many people get to go to work each day to share stories, laugh with their best friend, and create entertainment that hopefully makes our listeners' day that little bit lighter - that isn't lost on me. We're so grateful to be able to continue this journey with ARN."

Equally happy to be extending her stay on WSFM, **Amanda Keller** said: "Over the past 14 years Jonesy and I have shared some of our most personal, funny and raw moments with our wonderful WSFM audience who are with us every day. There is nothing like the medium of radio and how its immediacy connects people - that's why I love it and I'm delighted we'll continue on air together."

Brendan 'Jonesy' Jones added: "I've always said my job is not really like work because I have my friend Amanda right there with me - every laugh is real and every time I get on her nerves it's genuine. I'm quite excited that she wants to keep putting up with my shenanigans."

Meanwhile, ARN's strategy and investment in Melbourne continues to deliver growth and strength across GOLD 104.3. The bold move to bring Christian O'Connell - one of the world's most awarded radio broadcasters - and his progressive style of *The Christian O'Connell Breakfast Show* to Melbourne has only strengthened GOLD104.3's place as a powerhouse station in the market.

Of renewing his contract with GOLD 104.3's **Christian O'Connell** said: "I came to Melbourne to try and build something new, and the way that this city has given me a chance as an outsider has been incredible. I've been humbled by the way they have given me not just their time in the morning but so regularly, their hearts.

"I've been doing breakfast radio for 21 years and the last 16 months have been the most intimidating, challenging but rewarding of my life. Melbourne is a place my family and I are proud to call home and that is all down to the awesome support our listeners have given me. It's still very early days and I'm glad they are enjoying the ride because we've only just started."

About ARN

ARN is one of Australia's leading Broadcast and On-demand audio companies, 'Defining Audio', with ownership or investments in 12 radio stations nationwide in addition to digital entertainment platform, iHeartRadio. ARN's vision is to deliver the most complete audio offering for audiences and advertisers, and its network brands KIIS and Pure Gold, along with iHeartRadio and The Edge, entertain and influence over five million listeners each week 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 Botica's Bunch for Breakfast. The National Drive Show across all stations is Will & Woody.

Its Pure Gold network consists of Sydney's 101.7 WSFM 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.

iHeartRadio, the world's fastest growing digital service, was launched by ARN to the Australian market in 2013 and since then, the platform has had over 2 million downloads of the app and over 1.3 million registered users. 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 Macquarie Media, as well as stations from New Zealand and the USA. iHeartRadio also provides Australian's with access to over 280,000 podcasts.

ARN's suite of digital and social assets are the online home to Australia's leading radio stations, providing highly engaged entertainment content and news, complementing the on-air experience ARN's stations are best known for.

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