

For Immediate Release – Tuesday 18th December 2018**AFTER THREE LONG YEARS, FELICITY WARD IS BACK AND *BUSTING A NUT***

Comedian Felicity Ward is busting a proverbial nut as she returns to Australia for the Comedy Festival season for the first time in years, hot on the heels of her sell-out *Busting A Nut* UK tour and following her nomination for the most prestigious award in live comedy, *Best Comedy*, at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2018. Felicity is jumped up, hyped up and ready to make Aussie audiences bust their own nuts as she takes them through her hilarious exploits of what happens when you take a year off comedy.

Central Coast born Felicity now resides in the UK and can't wait to get back down under for this special run of shows. "I'm absolutely pumped," she says. "I think the longer I am away from Australia, the stronger my accent gets too. I'm terrified of losing it and becoming one of those Aussies who is in London for three weeks and starts pronouncing the 't' in water. I'll be saying 'strewth' and 'fair dinkum' every five to eight words I'm back home, I'd say."

Since her last trip to Oz, she's been busy! She's starred in her own Netflix special as part of the series *Live From The BBC*, also appeared on the BBC's *Live At The Apollo*, *Mock The Week*, recorded her own BBC Radio-4 series *Appisodes* on whether technology can save her from herself, regularly co-hosts *The Guilty Feminist* podcast, and co-hosted her own: *The Urnbelievable Ashes Podcast*. She's even managed to squeeze in a cameo in the upcoming series of ABC TV's *The Let Down*.

She says audiences coming along to the Australian shows will learn absolutely nothing, but they can expect to laugh. "The show is a bit of a bullet point round up of my life for the past two years, told through the medium of straight-up jokes," she says. "The best way to describe it is... put your finger in your belly button and move it around. Now, smell your finger... it's nothing like that. Also... gross! Why did you do that?!"

There isn't much Felicity Ward can't do. A comedian, actor and writer, she has been garnering acclaim across the board for her works. Her show *What If There Is No Toilet?* earned her great recognition for breaking down the stigma around mental health and IBS, which came off the back of her acclaimed documentary *Felicity's Mental Mission* in 2016. A regular face on UK TV, she has opened for the likes of Katherine Ryan, Maria Bamford and Amy Schumer, to name a few, and has more awards and award-nominations than you can poke a stick at. She's now back touring her first national Australian tour in three years because it's been the only chance she's had with such a busy UK schedule.

"I've got some TV things coming up," she says. "*Roast Battle* for Comedy Central and *Stand Up Sketch Show* for ITV2 in the UK. It looks like there will be some more *Unbelievable Ashes Podcast* coming at you, ... Then I'm being a fancy actor in a play later in the year, but I can't say what it is yet – mucho secreto!"

Book your tickets now because it might be another three years before we see one of our best back on these shores.

Tickets for Felicity Ward's *Busting A Nut* tour are on sale now. For more information, please visit www.felicityward.com

BUSTING A NUT – 2019 NATIONAL TOUR DATES

Saturday 23rd February 2019 | 7.30pm
Brisbane Powerhouse, BRISBANE QLD
Brisbane Comedy Festival
www.brisbanecomedyfestival.com.au

Sunday 24th February 2019 | 8.30pm
The Garden Of Unearthly Delights, ADELAIDE SA
Adelaide Fringe
www.adelaidefringe.com.au

Thursday 28th March – Sunday 21st April 2019 | 7pm [No Mondays]
Melbourne Town Hall, MELBOURNE VIC
Melbourne International Comedy Festival
www.comedyfestival.com.au

Friday 26th April – Saturday 27th April 2019 | 8.15pm
Giant Dwarf, SYDNEY NSW
Sydney Comedy Festival
www.sydneycomedyfest.com.au

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