

RACHEL BERGER

COMEDIAN
MC
PRESENTER
WRITER

2015 BIOGRAPHY

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"Not only did you have the entire audience howling with laughter on the night, your experience, professionalism and guidance in the lead up to the event were invaluable to the committee. We are hugely appreciative of the amount of time and effort you put in to ensure that the whole night would be a success. We especially loved the way you thoroughly researched our industry before the night, and wove your understanding and insights into the performance. It was a rousing, hilarious and highly relevant kickstart to our conference."

AUSTRALIAN MARKET AND SOCIAL RESEARCH SOCIETY CONFERENCE

"I have received no shortage of positive feedback, praising your affability, quick wit and choice of comedic anecdotes which complemented the themes and tone of the day perfectly."

SAM AFRA, CHAIRPERSON, ETHNIC COMMUNITIES' COUNCIL OF VICTORIA

"It is the offbeat observation, the incisive knack of showing up everyday events for the ludicrous pantomimes they really are that separate the women from the girls. In this department Rachel Berger is a real Star..."

THE GUARDIAN, London

RACHEL BERGER is widely acknowledged as one of Australia's finest stand up comedians. Her material encompasses contemporary lifestyles, offering a hilarious and poignant expose of human foibles. Her dynamic presence and engagingly sharp observations have made her an extremely popular performer both live and on television, across Australia and overseas.

Rachel believes that laughter is a powerful tool, able to communicate a powerful message. With this in mind she's been invited to appear at events as diverse as hosting a public forum on **Climate Change** with world-leading Climate Change expert Stephen Schneider, to writing and performing in **Diversity Works**, an educational video for the **Council for Equal Opportunity in Employment** and as a special guest performer at a **Positive Living Expo for Women** with the overall aim to reduce the harm associated with gambling.

With her unique ability to connect with an audience, Rachel is also a superb corporate speaker and MC. According to **Andrea Jones, the Editor of Home Beautiful magazine**, "*Rachel's presentation was funny and, especially important, it was relevant. We have been inundated with compliments on the success of these awards and it is true to say that Rachel's performance made us, the client, look good.*"

And **Sarah Davies, Partnership & Marketing Coordinator, City of Whittlesea** had this to say, "*I greatly appreciated the amount of effort she put into her research and the relevance of all her topics to the theme of our day, which was celebrating the achievements of women within the local government sector.*"

Corporate clients include:

- **Yarra Valley Water**
- **City of Port Phillip**
- **City Of Whittlesea**
- **Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development.**
- **TOGA Hospitality**
- **BMW Australia**
- **Mercedes Australia**
- **Property Council Of Victoria**
- **Family Violence Unit, Victoria Police**
- **Mitchell Shire**

Rachel's media credits include:

- Appearing on **Statesmen of Comedy, Rove Live, The Glass House, GMA, Good News Week, World Series Debating, The Big Gig, Hey Hey It's Saturday and Denton**
- Co-hosting **Comic Relief**, a live to air special on the Nine Network
- Featuring on **Punchlines**, a documentary about twenty years of Australian comedy and **The Smallest Room in the House**, ABC-TV
- Regular co host & presenter on **ABC Radio 774**
- Writing for **The Weekly Review, The Age, Sunday Age, Sunday Herald Sun** as well as national magazines such as **New Woman** and **Rolling Stone**.

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RACHEL'S CORPORATE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

2014

Bendigo Bank: MC Bendigo Community Bank 10th Anniversary Celebration.

Grampians Grape Escape: Ambassador for wine and food Festival & MC for wine appreciation panels.

Courage to Care: An organisation encouraging individual acts of courage, social activism, action against apathy, a sense of empathy, a better understanding of history. Rachel presented annual keynote to Volunteers.

2013

BlueCross Aged Care: MC at Annual Staff Conference at Moonee Valley Racecourse

2012

Women of Wool Laugh & Lunch: special guest comedian as part of the Australian Sheep & Wool Show, Bendigo

Master Builders Association of NSW Annual Awards: Special guest comedian

Launch of **Tasmanian Life Magazine** Spring Edition, Hobart-MC Role

ABC Hobart **VOICE OF IDEAS** special guest on *Change Your Life* panel

2011

Victorian Aids Council: Ambassador for World AIDS Day

The Centre for Excellence in Child & Family Welfare: MC – Resi Rocks at the MCG

Breaking Up by Rob Larkins: MC for Launch of book

2010

City of Port Phillip: MC Business Awards.

Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria: MC Biannual Conference.

Yarra Valley Water: MC annual Kick Off Event.

Australian Nurses Federation (Vic Branch) Health & Safety Representatives Conference: Special Guest Performance

Bayside Literary Festival: Special Guest Performance & Workshop

2009

Special Guest performance: 2009 Municipal Association of Victoria Conference Dinner.

MC, Victoria University Achievement Scholarships Launch. Announcement of both the introduction of the VU Achievement Scholarships and the fundraising campaign to support these scholarships

Guest Speaker: Superheroes & Schlemiels exhibition at Jewish Museum. Created by Jewish museums in Paris and Amsterdam, this interactive exhibition shows how the comic strip has contributed to contemporary Jewish collective memory.

2008

Domestic Violence Victoria: MC for the **Inaugural Eliminating Family Violence Media Awards;** The EVAs. New Victorian media awards aimed at creating a greater understanding of the need to eliminate family violence. The awards recognise the important role the media play in this major community concern.

2007

Yarra Valley Water, Victoria – MC Launch of 2007 Kick Off Event.

Shannon's Way: Worked on campaign for **New South Wales Nurses Association**, the registered union for all nurses in NSW. Rachel's "machine nurse" idea was used in the form of a viral campaign throughout their database.

MC at launch of **HELP CARD** (for Darebin City Council) an information tool that can be used by all stakeholders in Melbourne's North setting out services with regard to **Family Violence**.

Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development, Victoria –

International Women's Day Event.

TOGA Hospitality – Manager's Conference, Sydney special guest, customised stand-up material.

2006

Department of the Premier and Cabinet, South Australia – hosted public forum on

Climate Change with leading Climate Change expert and Adelaide Thinker in Residence, Stephen Schneider.

Australian Market and Social Research Society Conference –

Opening night dinner MC & Stand Up performance

CPA Speed Networking – hosted event for Victoria's Small Business Festival.

Loose Cannon – one woman show performed at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival (17 shows), sponsored by WorkSafe Victoria.

2005

Clenched Buttocks – sell out season, (10 nights) of one-woman show at Carlton Courthouse. Arts Victoria, City of Melbourne and Kolm-Exiner proudly supported Clenched Buttocks. Kolm-Exiner aims to support and nurture artists' endeavours to create new and innovative work.

Brotherhood of St Laurence Refugee Employment Program – special guest performer at Business Breakfast.

Bendigo Community Health Service – special guest performer at positive living expo for women with the overall aim to reduce the harm associated with gambling.

2004

Show Us Your Roots – 12 Shows at The Drama Theatre - Sydney Opera House

BMW Ladies Lunch 2004 Melbourne Grand Prix – special Guest performance.

Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development Victoria – special Guest performance.

For further testimonials and information, please visit Rachel's website, www.rachelberger.com