

RACHEL BERGER

COMEDIAN
MC
PRESENTER
WRITER

2019 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 **Barry Harvey AM, Chair Brimbank Community Fund Advisory Committee**: "Right from the get go, Rachel put us at ease with her knowledge and advice of how to deliver a great event. She worked with us on our running order, room set up and tone of the evening and her wealth of experience was critical to the event's success. On the night Rachel dazzled and had our guests hooked within moments. She MC'd the event with a deft touch, displaying an emotional range that could be raw and honest one moment and achingly acerbic and funny the next. She improvised when necessary and above all looked like she was enjoying herself as much as everybody else in the room but never lost her professionalism or timing. Our guests couldn't wait to tell us how amazing Rachel was. We wouldn't hesitate in recommending Rachel for her considerable skills and can't wait to have her back again."

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**
- **AUSIMED**

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Rachel's media credits include:

- Featuring in **Stop Laughing This is Serious**, comedy documentary, ABC TV
- 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
- 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**.

RACHEL'S CORPORATE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

2018

The Clarion Awards (Brisbane) Dinner: featured comedian.

Cancer Council Victoria: MC the Bequest 'Thank You' Lunch.

LG Professionals Tasmania Dinner: featured comedian

2017

The Brimbank Council (Melbourne) Community Fund Dinner: MC

Cancer Council Of Tasmania 'Unite in Yellow' Lunch at MONA Hobart Tasmania: Guest Comedian.

The Carbine Club Vanuatu: First female comedian to perform at the annual Carbine Club Luncheon in Port Vila, Vanuatu.

2016

Foley's List Dinner: First woman speaker in the history of the annual dinner. Foley's List is Australia's leading barristers' group.

Action Aid Australia Fundraiser: MC, Athenaeum Theatre. Action Aid is a global movement of people working together to further human rights and defeat poverty for all.

2015

AUSiMED: Art Auction to raise funds for medical research.

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

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