

Media Release



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Comedy in Gannawarra

Two of Australia's best stand-up comedians are coming to Kerang and Cohuna thanks to NDCH and the Victorian Government's FReeZA initiative. Geraldine Hickey and Luka Muller will coach secondary school students in workshops during the September school holidays. After the workshops, Geraldine and Luka will showcase their comedic talents at a gala performance evening.

NDCH CEO, Mandy Hutchinson was delighted with the idea. "This is a fantastic opportunity for young people in our area to learn skills in public speaking, comedy and confidence. The Cohuna Comedy Gala will be fantastic for the community to get together and enjoy a night out."

Geraldine Hickey has had a brilliant start to the year. Her latest show *'Things Are Going Well'* received a nomination for the Melbourne International Comedy Festival Award for most outstanding show. She also took home the coveted comedians' choice 'Piece of Wood Award'. A regular of the Australian comedy scene, Geraldine has been seen on the Oxfam Comedy Gala, Upfront: The Queens of Comedy Gala, Tonightly and Comedy Next Gen. For the last three years Geraldine has also been a co-host on the much loved breakfast radio show *Breakfasters* on RRR, and has made multiple appearances on ABC, Triple M and the Hit Network.

Geraldine will be running workshops for students in Kerang on 23rd September and in Cohuna on 24th September. Geraldine will team up with Luka Muller for the Cohuna Comedy Gala on 24th September, and will be supported by some lucky young people showing skills they have learned in the workshops.

Luka Muller is an up-and-comer from Melbourne who has performed all over Australia as well as headlining shows in Edinburgh, London, Berlin, Paris & Amsterdam. He has also sold out shows in the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Perth Fringe Festival and Adelaide Fringe Festival. Luka has been seen on Comedy Up Late and Live On Bowen and heard on Triple J and ABC Radio.

"I love doing gigs up away from the city and I love Cohuna! It's a perfect match!" said Luka. "Life can be stressful and it's important to have a laugh and enjoy yourself."

Workshops are free for secondary school aged students. Students will have the opportunity to register their interest over the coming weeks. The Cohuna Comedy Gala is appropriate for ages 12 and above. All events are fully supervised and smoke, drug and alcohol free. Free tickets for the

Cohuna Comedy Gala are available from www.ndch.org.au/events, or by calling NDCH reception on 5451 0200.



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