

MEDIA RELEASE

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Road Trip

Comedians Damian Callinan & Mickey D have packed the Tarago and are en route to Mackay to put on their show. Only problem is they don't have a show ... Yet!!

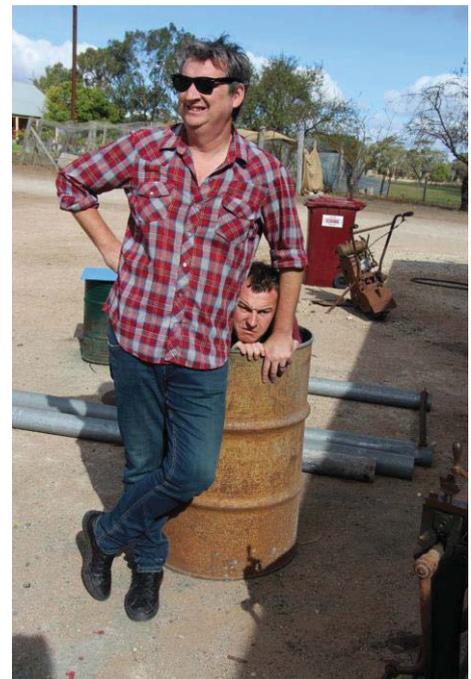
After years of travelling Australia performing comedy from Karratha to Capella, Damo & Mickey are elite comedy commandoes: Dropping out of the sky in the dead of night to surgically locate the local funny before being winched out for the next mission. *Road Trip* takes their skill for localising material a step further. *The whole show is about Mackay!*

A feature act in this year's Mackay Festival of Arts, Mickey and Damo, accompanied by award winning documentary film-maker Charlie Hill Smith are soon to set out on their adventure and they need your help.

We need to tell Mickey and Damo what are the "must see" things in Mackay. Is it your Nana's collection of hand knitted doilies, Dad's collection of stubby holders, our BIG Banana, the crazy man down the street? Fill out a town survey so the guys know about our regional mysteries, iconic locals and the less trodden tourist sites. What you don't tell them they'll find out themselves from the Daily Mercury!

We want your invitations to come thick and fast: 'come out on a boat!', 'have a crack at driving a cane train' or even 'learn the finer points of fishing!'. Once they actually arrive, Damo will wander into the Tourist Information Centre while Mickey hits the pub to get the lowdown from you on what to do and what not to do before attempting both. Over the three days of their visit the guys accumulate observations, anecdotes, experiences, characters, jokes, pictures and footage.

Will Mickey get a run in the C grade netball team? Will the art gallery curator let Damo take a souvenir painting? Will they track down Gwen and Bill's missing ornamental Pink Flamingos?



All the while Charlie is compiling, editing and narrating for the moment when the lads pull all this together and hit the stage.

Aside from the surveys you can get involved by getting online and visiting the 'Roadtrip' facebook site. Here you can see footage from previous *Roadtrips* and send the team an email with recommendations of what they should do when they get to town.

Take a look at the *Road Trip* facebook page here for an idea of what to expect!

<https://www.facebook.com/roadtripwithmickeyddamiancallinan>

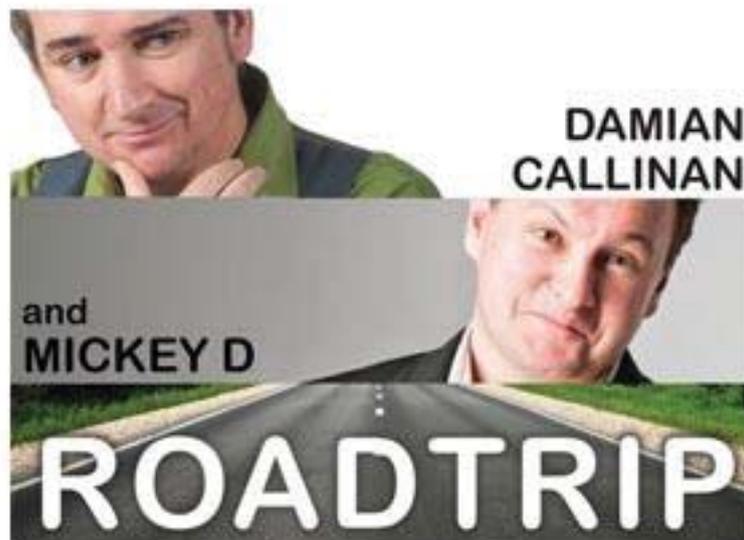
Road Trip is a show for Mackay about Mackay from an outsider's perspective. While shots will be fired the show will be celebratory in tone.

Road Trip is part of this year's Mackay Festival of Arts, and we want you to get involved now!

Fill out a survey downloadable from www.mackayecc.com.au or send your funny photos that capture something about Mackay. They can be selfies, funny signs, local oddities, set up shots ... your own imagination is the limit. These can be sent to via the facebook site or via email roadtripaustralia2014@gmail.com along with your surveys.

The favourite funny photo will receive an award on the night when Road Trip is screened at the MECC on 12 July as part of the Mackay Festival of Arts.

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