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Pinions on the show are my own and resemblance to opinions living or dead is purely coincidental opened up today with Alison Moyet invisible, which seems there was some planning into this show or find out why in a second. I'm where I am with three three people three sort of companions in the studio being Tabitha T. Tiger Terry tiger and Tigger and Yellow on black but also,

Full credit to Geelong an amazing side and all the best for Gary ablett jr. In his future and I'll be joined on the zooms because sometimes in the lgbtiq A+ communities there

is invisibility of various sorts. And well tomorrow is intersex Awareness Day vert we write starting as this program goes live tear on the 25th of October the start of what is now called Ace week and I'm joined on the zooms by 2.

Ace people, they'll be plenty of those sorts of puns and they're going to work today, please welcome to the three see our Airwaves hoping I've got the technology right Jackie pillar and an I'll get you on how you want to be referred to in full Nikki Jackie first up welcome.

Nicky Nicky Vivica and and we'll just get some more volume going here. This is live radio people of all genders great. Yes, and thanks and any and all a s puns are welcome. This is good encourage this week and Nikki while I have you Nikki while I have you two things can I clarify which pronouns you use if any of your okay to do that and also which lands you may be on

And which Aboriginal lands I'm on weren't real and despair and Jackie.

Which pronouns and which lands are you on? Yeah, I'm more Angry than I am but they them which gives us a diverse fair enough. So we've got a diverse range of gooey rests on the show, which is what we like for what is now called Ace week covering asexual and aromantic all points in between and around and other non binary examples there of because that's what we do on this like to do on this show, which is of great importance.

I might start to get us rolling a bit. And unfortunately, we can't flip coins when we're not in the studio together. So I'll pick I'll pick sort of want someone to go first. So no one wants to go first, but perhaps I'll get one of you to just talk a little bit about your journey in the past where it is now and well, well who knows where it might be in the future in in a stuff and I'll pick a policin and go with Nikki.

So I guess that I've been I've been at a size for a few years. It's quite a long journey getting that to the point of coming out. I think as most for most of my life. I didn't know that it was a thing. I'd never heard the word as I'd always always felt like there wasn't a way to me and I used to model sort of what I described. I caught I recently caught myself in the apology and clear by

I mean, I'm straight layers of clear. I'm trying to stand that. I'm asexual and I was to include by and neck because identified as by for most of my early life. I'm that went halfway is because when I was younger, I was very aware of sort of not not lacking sex of not wanting sex. I would avoid it as much as I could so been in relationships and people would be pressuring me to have sex. I'm like no, I don't want to do that.

But there wasn't a word for to express why I felt like that and it was always a thing that I felt like I had to make myself get over like I had to make myself get used to 6, I went and saw a doctor as a bad and I had a whole bunch of things which which went with that and certainly at the time like when when I was growing up in the 90s it was

It was also hard to identify as queer without being involved in insects. You know, I was a lot of people didn't know that identified as by at the time so I didn't tell a lot of people because that was associated with being it would assume you're having lots of sex they could all the love I've ever seen anything from his goats and thus like well, no, that's not so a lot of people didn't know it made it hard to get access to the spot. I need for being trans because that was all that was all hidden within the queer community.

Which sort of involved going through these big sexy parties and stuff which wasn't my scene at all. So after after Caesar that I had sort of sort of like when into a straight passing relationship at the time, which was basically I can somebody who had a connection with who didn't pressure me about sex and with him like I didn't mind being intimate when whereas before I've always kind of hated it.

And then I really really plan to that relationship because this I my God, I'm actually in a relationship with someone. It's okay. And even though I sort of like was resistant to the idea of being in a relationship and took a lot of convincing at the same time, I was like, well, there's not going to be anyone else because I know if I go back out dating again, it'll be like it was before and it'll be actually confronting and and sort of scary.

Hey after that relationship breakup spell nine years ago. So now and then I just didn't I just don't date again. I had no interest in dating and people get that thing where like a few after you just been in big relationship. They're really eager for you today and it just waiting they're waiting for you to get into another relationship. Then I start getting worried about you and now it's back and at the less I worry about it.

The better I felt about myself. I'm just like no, I'm enjoying this. I'm really enjoying not needing today and not needing to make people not needing to do any of that. So then it was I discovered the will add a section around about them. If you need to be with a Canadian Janeane Garofalo just talking about it and I thought oh my God, that's the thing and I got on Tumblr and I looked it up and once I found out that a staple I was very I was very quick to cut them out and let people know and it was the

But I guess I just sort and just like yes. Yes, that's me. And I quickly absolutely know that compared to how like sort of sneaky eyes about talking about gender stuff or you know identifying it's about as I had before was like I went I was ice on my own. Oh, this is me. I'm going to get my flag and I'm going to fly that proudly and and then I sort of sort of came out to people on stage a bit. I just did a show with asexual in the title and people came along.

Long just thinking it was a pun. It's got a sexual healing and people go like oh, this is a this is the sounds like a funny plan and I came along and got an hour of me talking about my sexuality and it came out two of my friends that I so there's a long journey Jackie. Let's get your story because I'm begin to I got a couple of themes that came from Nikki's story, but yours is of course, every story is equally valid. Let's he goes in this area.

Jackie

I probably need to open by saying that like Nikki. I had that experience of watching someone else perform about asexuality or listening to them and this case and dying. Oh, yes, and that person that was performing was Nikki. So and I had been on a similar long journey and when Nikki was talking I was nodding and cheering Adam mute the mic.

Fine because it was very much similar to my experience and then cause I was in the military and the alleys which is another part of my life that people quite can't quite unpack and of course the way that you know, like sex and alcohol is sort of almost sex alcohol and swearing are endemic to you can't be a military person without those things, you know, so I spent a lot of probably to my 30s.

And I began questioning in my 30s and again there I was you know, grow up 70s 80s 90s. There was no language for this, you know, we didn't have a central point of reference and doctors look down their nose at you and put the you know, and during the day I had a traditional marriage which was I look back on my road and blog piece called the bride's tears recently about that. And you know, I remember a doctor saying, you know, like being very

And about weeks something completely wrong about with me and and me going like she don't think there's anything wrong with me, but I well here we are. So had a course of hormones at one point aimed at trying to get me to be more sexual and it actual fact it being my social circumstances that were the problem not me and then moving on in my 30s. I started to go on Buddhist Retreats and studied.

What is it? I'm very careful to say that this is not part of my cultural heritage, but it's something that a lot of us, you know, Anglo-Saxon white Anglo-Saxon people do and for three years I chose to be celibate and it was called celibate and about six months in someone said to me this is in my mid-30s. How are you going with the no-sex thing? I like I love it people. Just thought I was

Again concern worry and then probably in my 40s again a period of questioning and then just doing what makes me feel comfortable and good and that and I came out as probably about a year ago. And again Nikki's fabulous poem that that she wrote about the phenomena and the feelings of it. I missed it seeing it live, but you send me a record.

I'm so grateful because it's like yeah, this is It's you know, and it's that for me performance has opened up a lot of understanding about my own body being in my body when I perform and that meant I think there's so much pressure on us from a societal point of view to conform to a particular idea about what is sex or what is meant to mean to us that often we put we're not in our bodies. We're not feeling what feels okay, you know, we're all in our head

Heads so performance and comedy improv and all of the stuff that I do around gender and disability helps me to be more in my body and More in touch with what who I am.

So yeah, and that that was part of the journey to parallel these but certainly it's interesting. But yeah, I credit think he's primers to part of that. So there you go. Yeah. Oh my God, that's so touching exact my god. Well we said

Bee puns but here's one that is a pun in seriousness. I just think that you are to ice people and I'm going to be quite authentic when I interviewed you over a year ago on this show Nikki, excuse me, you know as you're saying how you know, since you've been humming more authentic in all parts of yourself, you're doing better performance more real performance was very encouraging for me to do more performance again, so I think there is so much in that I'll save for I'd say overwhelmingly for

Most queer people and probably lots of other people I can't speak for but I'm guess there's that thing as well when you can be authentic and put it to some sort of creativity is huge. We've had a message in from Kayleen one of our reach we don't have regular listeners on this show recurring an amazing listeners and Katelynn said hearing words and definitions or acronyms or shortenings had to look up Ace that we can relate to a recognized make such a big difference and I think that's so important for all of us in all of these things.

There is this recurring theme of pressure that you know seems to be coming through so strongly for you both which is quite you know, incredible and I the there's a sort of paradox here one of my dear dear friends who's a major who's been a Pioneer in Australia in the world of polyamory, which of course doesn't have to be sexual relationships can be emotional and Hunter who also works in sex positivity.

City, which doesn't mean having more sex. It just means having respectful and safe sex. If you want to she said once on an interview that we live in a society that sex-obsessed and sex- what a dysfunctional combination and the Paradox is that yourselves as Ace and will come to what it means of my tasks in some point. What more about what that means for you, but they'll also the pressure to be monogamous have sex in a certain way. There's all this pressure to conform and it seems there's a theme.

A solid I'd like to explore the pressure got why didn't I pull out a Billy Joel song for today? Because it didn't have a sin at all the other tracks that if I need to play them have have a seen them. There's a hint listen carefully the Sinners and I'm guess but Jackie,

I'll ask you first just to go into a little more detail about that pressure factor, and then we'll have a chat to Nikki about it and what that was like, you know, we've got a bit of it. Let's go a bit further.

You know traditional relationships that were destructive and in fact violent and another healthy big because

I was so seen as something inherently wrong with me it was you know, like and and everyone knows that I jacket do it on do humor about very dark topics. So content warning, you know is that there's an old expression and any here the the ridiculous expression you have military, but you know, if if you don't like sex you're doing it wrong. Well, no, you don't like sexy don't like sex. Hmm But I also

Yeah, yeah, it's really interesting because what it back to that expression, I then explored all different ways. You know, like I say in this blog post quite openly from BDSM did Kink to Tantric, you know, and then when none of this works all of this is and again there's a there's an association that doesn't mean that we don't enjoy certain things.

We will of course, you know, we're not you know, I'm not and a lot of his arm, you know, where outsole is robots. Yeah, but that pressure to sort of that whole thing about. Oh, well, this is a baseline thing for every human and I don't I think that I don't think that's X+, I think that's x- to say that everybody should have sex. I think I think that's 6 negative 2. Yeah. So yeah.

Yeah, so that's what it did for me. Is it is it I felt like I entered relationships.

On the premises that I was I just needed to try harder and of course those relationships won't authentic and then you know, they ended up being unhealthy. Yeah and at times Island, yeah, which parallels to what you know gays and lesbians went through for so long you're trying to do heterosexual relationships and so on do want to mention that if there is anything on the program that is distressing for anyone may come up not likely but we did have you know, and can happen to be

Having authentic conversations. You can call Key life including switchboard in Victoria and Tasmania on 1 800 1845 to 7 and the with respect line here in Victoria for lgbtqa+. People one eight hundred five for 2847 both out there for our communities Nikki your thoughts on the concept of pressure including pressure to conform.

Because when I when I grew up I grew up in the country up in Queensland and it was it was sort of just assume that everyone would go into a heterosexual relationship. And if you didn't ever something something wrong with you, I just kind of avoided it but you know, I felt I felt a lot of guilt about that has a lot of insecurities about that because I'm a

Have fun house is getting interested in sex and dating and stuff like that. And I'm just like mocking around completely staying away from it and people to get on me and I get uncomfortable and have to leave parties and stuff like that because I couldn't deal with it at that point and but then when I did like the first the first time I did have any sort of intimacy with someone it was a case that I got me drunk to do it, which is very calming very commonly client experience to be honest.

Sorry going bad. But it was that was that was pretty coming back then and then I just sort of thought. Well, I'm goddamn I am I dating this person. Do I have to have feelings for this person to now it was actually very confusing. Like I felt I was in a I hadn't wanted to be in the situation. But then once I was in I sort of didn't know how to get out of it and that was true of a lot of my early relationships people would want to be in a relationship with me.

I didn't really want it back. But I was like, well, I'm not saying anything. I'm not seeing anyone else. I'm not doing anything else who might actually say no to them if they want it that much and so yeah, certainly when I was a teenager early 20s, you know that youth period I felt I was in relationships or sexual situations with people just because they wanted it and I did.

Here I have the power to be to really say no to someone and you know, you do get you do get a lot of those but of the size and the negative words people people often don't realize how how prevalent that that a five-year is there. But with people saying like, you know words like future door Mmm Yeah coldest ice one partner describe me because I just

Like Switched Off in the middle of them trying to be intimate with me and it starts when I couldn't do it. And so yeah, you do grow up with a lot of sense of that. I said I did.

It's not if a person to feel like it's a medical issue. I remember waiting to see doctors about it. And and I did do that thing of recommending our take these take these supplements. Whatever. These will help you get Laredo and I was like, well, then it the last thing I'm taking because that sounds like it something I don't want I like, you know, if there had been awareness of ice at the time I would have been able to just jump on it because it was it was so very clear in effect.

And but yeah, I do a lot of that, you know, there's a lot of that pressure from society but a lot of that pressure comes from from yourself as well and from feeling that you know from hearing that you need to do it. I think we're like where you're talking about sex positivity and sex negativity is important because part of the thing is you don't realize so at least I didn't I didn't realize how different my feelings about everyone else.

I thought everyone was kind of making it up and I said that they enjoyed sex. I was in my 30s before I realized that people actually enjoy sex. I thought it was a thing that people said just now call and because we don't talk about sex. I remember being in being in a state passing relationship.

And it was really hard to actually talk about the sex that we were having or increasingly not happening in the relationship because it wasn't done and it would seem that you know me wanting to talk about sex as soon as that weird.

A lot of a lot of people in straight relationships don't talk about sex and they sex is a thing that they do but you're not supposed to talk about it and that level of sex negativity. It means that you have this all these levels of communication gap and misunderstandings about sex if we've been able to talk about sex very honestly and openly from a young age. Then I would have liked to have had a lot of what sooner

But you know that idea of this even that thing about are you enjoying this? What would make this better? We don't really do that that wasn't really bad. And so there was no

opportunity to sign a time. I did something like that. It would be like you making that up you joking.

Yeah, it's you've hit you've really you know tapped into a you're a deep vein there that you know, what you sort of when you are the minority and you in one sense your heart and you gotta saying this is who I am and this is you know, it's for both of you, you know, it's hard to listen to that and Knots right when you feel like you now you're being gaslighted by everyone and almost as you said in a way gaslighting yourselves.

Getting a lot, you know will say getting information getting the labels is you know, really important and thanks to one of our listeners who want to say I don't have permission to name, but I will just say hot like child will say Hoffer. I think that won't identify who's really loving the discussion and saying it's very fascinating comes in its that gaslighting but you know, when you manage to turn it around, you know sort of what happened.

You know sort of after that.

You know and how you know, and how do you see yourselves, you know in terms of your identity now?

Well, one of the things that I found interesting about coming out is it really empowered me about how I relate to select rally internal. Like I still don't I still don't day or have intimate relationships with people at all. But, you know, I'm far more people don't realize that because I'm quite I'm quite willing to point out guys that I think I'm hot all those things like that but I would never do before.

Like when people thought a comment like that would be sexually motivated. I would not say anything. Now the people know that they don't actually intend to have sex with someone. I feel free to talk about it. And so my my connection with my aesthetic opinions about the world it's a lot actually a lot closer and also how I how I take myself as a being as a physical being is I was always very kind.

Quite leery of doing anything which might be interpreted as sexual before I didn't want people thinking that I had any actual sexual intent, but now that I'm very at and Paradise, you know, I will talk about sexual stuff on the stage. I do feel less capable

striptease and stuff like that, which is is a very sexy art form. And I enjoy doing it. I enjoy I enjoy all that sort of trappings of sexuality like that, but that's I've never would have done that if I hadn't come out as ice.

Because I would have would have thought people would be reading more into it and I would be too scared to do it. So I find that the level of I've always been six positive, but I think the level to which so leave sex positivity and I'm able to talk about sexuality now has improved a lot by just having a store of position. Sure.

Oops

We might be having some technical difficulties here listeners of all genders and I'm trying to fix them live because it could be my internet connection and mine alone. So if you did a bit, but it could also be mine because I've just this is live radio listeners of all genders and you're madly trying to make sure that I'm connected to both 3cr and my unnecessary wife.

I and hopefully going to recharge that. Yes, so hopefully we'll be all right one way or another. So yeah, like I'm drunk did drop out there for a bit Nikki, but very that night not at all and it will blame Malcolm Turnbull or something because he didn't do the right NBN or something that well, let's bypass where we can so yeah, look there. Is that feeling much more confident and I'll lead in

In Jackie's to your thoughts there, but also you know, the thing is you both perform and now I do that authentic performance, which is so wonderful and you know, you bring it in there and I want I really wanted to touch on that both for performance and other parts of your life overall and I'll go with Jackie first on this how has it benefited other parts of your life as well to have that sense of authenticity performance and anything else.

I got a reputation in the comedy world for being the person that wears the The four-foot-tall Velvet genitalia and loving it. And that's when I first met you you was in that for Darkness. We are at midday after nine o'clock. Damn it.

Because the reason I came to where genitalia on the stage was because I was so tired of the world measuring everything by what they perceived was what genitalia we had

because it's a ridiculous notion and but then you know like Nick he's done some awesome burlesque work and striptease work and people you know, I don't know whether you find that Nikki whether people find that contradictory to us being at ease.

But it's not, you know, it's about that comfort. You know, Nikki was saying that we've none of us feel comfortable talking about sex in the seventies eighties and nineties probably even that early 2000s and let's that was wrought chaos over-sexualized for me coming out as gay in the last year has been a while. It's been longer than that, but publicly out.

Beijing identifying his eyes for the last, you know my forties and I'm 50 this year has been exactly would like this is who I am. I'm so much more comfortable in my body. I got up on stage dressed as a zombie Marie Antoinette last year for tickets on myself silly was part of that showcase it, you know, just this is sort of real level of comfort with my body and who

I am and that's come from sort of breaking away. From what we both. You know, we both want it out that we were questioning. We were internalizing the World Views and it's sort of self-sabotaging ourselves with those views and also be pushing back at the same time and trying to find Space by also I have to say I don't blame anybody but sometimes I blame Oprah Winfrey because there was a whole series of shows in the 90s about low sex drive.

Drive in Housewives, which look how far we've come so, you know and I ended up on hormones because I was so desperate in my marriage to pre to please that I saw an episode of Oprah about the use of hormones for libido and and off we went to the doctor and it's like so I think we've come a long way to talking about sex in public TV forums in such a way that they are innately medical to now

A bit more social and a bit more outside that medical model and a bit more like, you know sex is not just the physical act of you know, the biggest physical activity for that way that it's also other things in and also just understanding that intimacy is different to sex, you know or connected. Sorry. It's not different. It's all in the same thing, but you talking about people starting to separate.

Issues and understand how things relate better over time. So I think that's helped me to as a person because it's like okay that was that and this was this a they were connected this way. Yes turkey. That's a I've had a light bulb moment there that we often talk about what we don't talk about sex and I think we think often of yes, it would be good. If we got comprehensible say comprehensive age-appropriate sex ed in schools would be a wonderful thing on so many angles not just about sex but about

Then all that sort of thing and consent but at least if adults are talking about it more whether it's through performance, whether it's through something else. That's at least a flying start and I hadn't thought about that way in you know, it's that sort of glass-half-full way. So thanks for putting that across. I think that's really really important that and well, I mean, we're talking about it on a worldwide radio show based on from where Andre people run to real and I think that you know, hopefully this can get out there.

R as well when the podcast goes up. I mean, you know who knows one person listening to it might get that sense of connection. So that's so that's get well. There's a lightbulb moment for the day, you know, if you're for your hostess, I really appreciate that the thing that I wanted to clarify I mean and I know there's no model or anything that works with you does this perfectly but both of you may be aware of the gender unicorn model with its various sort of levels of

Your sense of gender identity gender expression sexual attraction romantic attraction. And so you've talked a lot about you know, the not engine not want not wanting sex, which is fine. But where does the Romantic attraction fit in for each of you? I might throw to Nikki first.

So I'm aromantic like so I don't have any. Yeah drive to be in a romantic relationship either. Uh-huh. I hope space very very loosely.

Bisexuality / don't have hardly any sexual urges the sort of sexual attraction. I do have tends to be oriented towards men. I don't have very many romantic urges the Romantic relationships. I have heard of tended to be with women just because I get along with women better and there's something in also in that

That discrepancy in how it works that is also made relationships such as not worth it. Like I just I don't I don't want to sound rude on radio, but I don't don't really I don't get a lot of emotional connection with me and I finally ended bookstore. So that's fair enough like to sorry man. Sorry, man, hashtag, not all I did. But anyway.

But I guess I that sort of has like it's never been it's never felt worth it to follow that like the very slight man of sexual attraction, I guess and same ways assignments romantic relationships. Like I have been in romantic relationships with women, but are they tend to fit that into fear and chips after a while of fizzle at sarong word evolved Elevate move up to the next level because I think

I think friendship is actually a more lasting and most significant relationship you have with someone then they need to see I think in intimacy wise blows over but I would find like, you know in my life. I've got a history of getting sort of involved in a romance in air quotes and then like you're just becoming a friendship and sometimes the other person being a bit confused that now I'm acting like we're just friends when they thought it was going in another Direction.

So but yeah.

I find that as yeah, I do identify strongly with that but that Arrow community and I romantic identity because I just have

Such little and such fractured desire that I never been worth pursuing for me. So I think in the last decade or so, it's my relationship. I can't I've had like a handful of you know, snug that clear parties just because that's the vibe but like a literal little handful three to be exact exactly through so it's it's uh, it's just like doesn't really

It's a in my life at all. And in fact, I forget but other people do it, like I know that other people are in relationships when somebody talks about having met someone and started a relationship. I'm like you're well, you people do this. It's just it just amazes me. I don't know how people find the time or the inclination to do it. But you know, oh all power and love to anyone out there who's doing it like one of those bubble dolls?

Well, we'll look I'm we do know that polyamorous people do think Google calendars and the ability to synchronize them and all that sort of thing that's been said before, you know, look, you know you it's you know, sort of all, you know, all you know, it's the old story if you're if you're being honest with yourself and not harming anyone else then every identity every way of doing it, you know, but being in being in, you know having

That sense of romantic or sand or sexual intimacy is valid and press particularly. If you're being nice to other people Jackie, what about yourself in terms of the Romantic the Romantic side as well? Because they're of course that the to sexual and romantic and not automatically linked in any way. I'm just going to say what Nikki said, you know, I get this

Of romantic attraction that Fizzles out and and and I start I think I vocal talking about that intimacy. I think I express intimacy. I mean, I'm now identifying a man. I'm non-binary, but I'm identifying as pansexual and that's because I used to say bye when I was younger, but again that whole military model of sex alcohol and swearing the only thing that I've taken from that is swearing doing very well.

Four men two one

Only you know that should only that and and yeah that that sort of notion of intimacy being for me a very intellectual process even and there's been a few things through this conversation that probably I'm going to process I think and I'm probably gonna come out with epiphanies tomorrow. So look out world Tiffany's again. Yeah about this idea that intimacy for me is not

The side as it seems to be for other people, but it's still there. It's just in a different context and I'm very attracted to people's brains and personalities and and things like that. So I know that whether that I put that Underpants a tool Maybe I'm Wrong is I notice some people calling that Debbie sexual is that right? Demi Demi sexual is when you generally don't experience sexual attraction, but if you form a strong

Emotional connection with someone you can develop sexual attraction to them. Yeah. Yeah. I've not had a sexual relationship with anyone for five years. Well, sorry Jackie there was just one thing. I was going to idea Demi Demi sexual. Is there where you

need the remote emotional tension, but sapiosexual is a track is attraction to intellect it so you could be say po romantic.

Possibly. I've been using pansexual because you know, I I there's such a claim that who I'm attracted to, you know, such a it's such a blend but it it's the happiest I've been in the last few years has been, you know, not not in that space and I don't date either and and when you admit he was saying, you know, like about other people are like going into relationships. I've got standard scripts. I run that you like. Oh, I'm so excited.

Cited for you and Nikki my can see you. Well, thank you. I was gonna say any Nikki and I can see your face at the moment. But glad you describe that for the listeners. Well look pens a good word, you know knowing no boundaries of all and as we do on this show out of the pan throw all the ingredients in I think I've got to ask this point not that I want to change the subject we will

Make sure we've got everything covered. But the two of you are performers and we are getting into the heading towards the delayed Fringe season. You should see the look on Jackie's face now listening, you know, and of course it's been such a very very difficult year for on stage performers are non-existent year or trying to adapt to zoom which you know is is a is a challenge amongst other things to not have that direct connection to a live audience and the vibe is Dennis dinner.

So I would say but all the same, you know, I asked each each of the question then I'll decide on the order. Are you doing anything in Fringe? If so, what given that Jackie just spoke Nikki are you up to anything this year? I've sort of been quite actually still quite busy with doing stuff online during during this time mostly mostly poetry stuff. So

Kind of put a put a hold on putting up solos Chase my last my last Big Show is doing then I would speculate and po you Festival. However, I will be appearing in the no I'm not washing your dirty plates. First of all, it is the first one but it's got a Showcase in Phoenix. So it's going to be event of female comedians of European Heritage and we do work.

So relating to our heritage, so it's I'm sort of run back early to meet Raditz. He's an amazing Australian great poet and I'm they're talking about my lesbian identity so good

that's going to be a non-negative number 14. So I think the check your friends go ahead check those Fringe guides their online or possibly in print and although this year with flexibility some things main thing online space. Does anyone get a who would pick up a flyer in this day and age?

This is true. Of course, I will with and this year fringes and the way it's happening least. There's something for the environment there. But yeah, check it online. I think there was the possibility that if there was a going to be a printed guide that you could still register events after the cutoff for printing this year Jackie or things. What are you up to?

Grassroots

Comedy activist group called millionaires for Morrison which is based on something in the United States court building has for borscht. So people dress up like Millionaires and mock political policy.

Sorry that that has now take this five or six million is Nicki. I'd love you to consider coming on as a millionaire saying if you can feel like you need to come up with fantastic names like Rob are a robbery Penny's never enough money in the money and my character's name is Bronwyn budget slur and and she's the neoliberal neoconservative. I won't use the word liberal neoconservative.

We color sycophant nasty human being that leads this group up. It's so nasty. It's funny. And and yes, I've started that and that's chuffing along with be making some videos which is why both Shelley and Nici can see behind me a massive Queen of Hearts from The Wizard of Oz costume by and that was the last sorry Alice in Wonderland Alice in Wonderland. Well, I'm a kid and I'm into French production.

Ian's I'm in Sam what Sam Elkins production let me get something off my chest on the 12th of November at 8 p.m. And I will be discussing genitalia and my own solo show is called tardy million disabled which is looking at intersectional identity and basically throwing stereotypes and ableism in the bin and burning them from the 21st 22nd and 24th 29th, November.

Experience all right at the end of the first how calls few things. First of all great them before read the Millionaire's Club. Give me a pen. Where do I sign? It's my it's my first my first thought there and yeah II yes, you never heard me say this. I'd better write something for Sam milk. And so given that I'm in it as well could could help no it's in the head just has to get onto the the key.

A board and third are you doing your friend show live each Night Live to zoom. So to speak. It was actually a really huge in doing that. Is that being under the kind of Lights? I have to use to film our an issue for me because I'm autistic. So I have chosen to pre-record, but we're going to have some because the pre-record process. I'll have some different versions. So I'm hoping that you know, they'll be version 1 version.

Division 3 with slight variations each part Musical part a bit of Storytelling and can't stand up. So it's more a variety pace and the vulva is be put away for that one. Sorry. It might be it might be visible somewhere but it's a it's sort of like where's vulvar as opposed to? Where's Wally or something, but

And of course we should we should ask. Do you have it with your co-star be joining you for that the pre-recorded Productions the dog assistance dog will be around but she's actually better when I perform live because she flops on the floor on a rug in front of me, but when I'm at home, it's like why do I have to be a part of this? I don't have to be a part of this and then she does things like create sound effects by walking in there of the room.

At home, it can be difficult. But yeah, she um, I'm aiming to have it there's a bit of air in it and they should probably walk off with a disdainful got advice. She prefers being at live gigs. This dog likes to be out in a boot. Well quite just about at the end of the program and all the music that I had lined up Ace of Base a song a song by Tom T Hall called deal and maybe the next cards an ace.

Else was I going to play? Oh, yes, Bob Seger's Fire Lake because who wants to play those 810 Aces, which was also a wrestling reference to TNA and ace of hearts. And in fact, they're all still here. So if you want to keep thinking about it, we can have one of the any one of those to close the show, but seriously the last few things anything else you

wanted to add and also anything to other Ace / a row people out there or even that sort of those

Trims and also tips for allies in any sense. Whether it's General Public Health Service is anything anything that comes to mind and will unfortunately have to leave then sort of leave it there. So who wants to go first Jackie you go first.

Low or no sex drive then there's something wrong with them. Let's start from that point of view may be asking maybe you know examine a little bit more closely gently and with care and for a license just the general stuff, you know, the careful you amplify us not speak for us or for me in particular particular one of my pet peeves.

And I think the other question was like oh, but of course, hello, you're out there. It's know the sort of the level of joy of experiences. I've been my authentic self is something I want to hand on to them. You know that this isn't this is a good place to be so hello and welcome and we're out there keeping Ace Nikki.

My advice for people been good allies is please don't assume things about people I find because a lot of people weren't talking about sexuality. They run on an assumption of you know, I have had to normativity but also just on the concept of people do have sex drive or do have a romantic drive and I find that when I say is people often be like, oh that means this they were linked with their own interpretation of it before.

Asking so I'd say to be a good Ally to listen before assuming things and especially obviously don't don't treat anything like this is a problem or to knock it back which is gonna sing which we've all experienced taking those who are a source of our alert, you know, I expect Community. I'd also say don't let other people assume things about sexuality sexuality for you. Don't worry.

Overly much better labels the labels powerful. But remember it's your identity and you get to Define it you tell the world who you are the world doesn't tell you who you are. So and that's that's the most important thing to remember my own being a sap. Yep. All right, we'll look just like the last thing I'm had a comment in from another one in from Hoffler that Oprah has a positive influence in the media can play a significant effect on our lives and societal Norms, but it is the

I'm use that influence for well good and not evil purposes backhand. But also, you know try to be accurate in your information which is part of that as well. Look Jackie and Nikki and absolute pleasure to have you on the show as we head into or we're just at the start here in Australia of Ace week. Thanks for sharing. Your experiences. Also want to mention the website, even the asexual visibility education Network. There are good sites out there. There are groups Melbourne Aces and can

Braces who do good stuff as well. So if anyone needs that get in touch with Q life including switchboard for your local Australian area, 1-800 1845 to 7 or you've that doesn't work. If you can't get through to them, perhaps get in touch with me or something like that. Look a pleasure to have you on the show what not sure which track you go out with but I think

All right, then. Can I just have not Auntie over we Fri? I'm just Auntie 1990s information, which that time didn't help and that's a fair call. Look Jackie and Nikki. Thanks again for your time. I'm going to just wrap up the show, and I'm hang on the zoom for a second, but sort of just having a technical moment. So we'll just have to work something out. Anyway, thank you.

Once again for your time, we'll take it out today with Ace of Base by popular demand and every thanks everyone for tuning in to the show. Thanks Hoffler Kaylene and everyone for listening in and I'm Sally Goldner. Catch you next week.