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## THE URNBELIEVABLE ASHES!

Comedians Andy Zaltzman and Felicity Ward step up to bat for the 2017-18 Ashes clash

One of the great pleasures of The Ashes is England and Australia renewing their cultural and historical bonds. It's what tells Australia that the summer cometh. And it's what makes staying awake all night in the UK winter worthwhile.

To celebrate this historic rivalry, the ABC introduces <u>The Urnbelievable Ashes</u> podcast, covering everything that is, and isn't going on this 2017-18 test series.

Jump onboard now with Episode 1, as UK comedian **Andy Zaltzman** (*The Bugle* podcast, BBC's *Test Match Special*) and Australian comedian **Felicity Ward** (*Any Questions for Ben?*, *The Inbetweeners 2*) bring the sledging spirit to your earballs.

Recording weekly via their London studio, Andy and Felicity head to the proverbial crease to cover every dot, duck, dismissal and doosra with their informed spoof commentary and attempt to make each other laugh. Because let's face it – England needs a bit of cheering up right now.

<u>The Urnbelievable Ashes</u> features all the highlights and lowlights of each test, random cricket-related tangents, genuine punditry with cricket guru **Jarrod Kimber** and an occasional barrage of Andy's trademark statistics and puns.

Andy Zaltzman who's known around the world as a stand-up comedian, cricket obsessive and podcaster says:

"Join Felicity and I for the full November 2017 to January 2018 series, as we obsess about other people throwing and hitting a ball around – because whatever happens –that's way preferable than thinking about the actual world right now."

<u>Episode 1 is now available.</u> Subscribe to <u>The Urnbelievable Ashes</u> on the <u>ABC listen app</u>, <u>Apple Podcasts</u>, or wherever you get your favourite podcasts.

Andy Zaltzman and Felicity Ward are available for interview from their London studio.

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