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<u>COMEDIANS GO HEAD TO HEAD FOR</u> <u>A GOOD CAUSE</u>

The Big Issue's Celebrity Selling Campaign saw comedians **Hamish Blake**, **Andy Lee**, **Judith Lucy** and **Peter Helliar** go head to head today, hitting the streets of Melbourne in an effort to sell the magazine and understand some of the challenges faced by The Big Issue vendors.

While **Tim** '**Rosso**' **Ross** set the benchmark in Sydney yesterday, selling 14 magazines in half an hour, radio's funniest men **Hamish and Andy** this morning smashed that record when they sold 39 magazines between the pair of them on the step of Flinders Street Station.

Judith Lucy went one step further though when she hit popular Acland Street in St Kilda at lunchtime today, selling a total of 25 magazines.



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On the other side of town in Smith St, Collingwood **Peter** '**Strauchanie**' **Helliar** worked the lunchtime crowd to take the lead by selling 27 magazines.

Celebrity Selling will now move to Brisbane on Thursday where Australian musician, environmentalist and politician **Peter Garrett** will hit the streets along with the crew from **Triple M's The Cage**.

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THURSDAY OCTOBER 15 - BRISBANE

12-12.30 – Triple M's The Cage GPO Queen St (Marto) Commonwealth Bank Cnr Adelaide and Albert St (Sully) Queens Plaza Cnr Adelaide and Edward St (Skip) Borders Books Cnr Albert and Elizabeth St (Emily-Jade)

4.30-5pm – Labor Member for Kingsford Smith, Minister for Environment, Heritage and the Arts, Peter Garrett AM, MP

Queens Plaza, Adelaide and Edwards St