Taking the Truth Pill: Surge FM's brand new talk show dives headfirst into the weird world of conspiracies, cults and urban legends

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Do reptilian aliens rule the earth? Is Ted Cruz the zodiac killer? And what *really* happened on 9/11? All these questions and more are tackled each Tuesday by hit new radio presenters Jack Perry and Ian Kane in 'The Weekly Truth Pill', SURG FM's latest talk show. "We're just trying to give the conspiracy theories a fair go," says Kane, "sometimes you've just got to go along and listen to what these guys have to say before you can go 'yeah, well that's actually bullsh*t'".

A bit of tongue-in-cheek common sense and larrikin humour make for knee slapping radio as Jack and Ian recount their stone-faced encounters with some of Sydney's strangest believers in conspiracies and the paranormal. The duo take a hands on approach, seeking out the various bizarre meetups that occur each week around Sydney. They're not out to mock these sincere and often friendly believers; instead, they just want to go along and throw in their two cents on why such outrageous things get traction. "What you'll often find at these meet ups are a bunch of people who just want to make sense of some weird experience they've had," says Perry, who currently studies Psychology at Sydney University. "Take our chat with Dr Floyd. He said he saw a yowie right when the sun was going down, when we can't see properly and our eyes are most likely to play tricks on us. He probably saw a wild cat running through the bush and – 'cause the light was bad – thought it was way bigger. How did he make sense of that? Yowies."

"And he kept going on about how Dr Floyd wasn't his real name," said Ian. "I don't reckon he was even a real doctor".

Some encounters come off as surreal journeys into alien worlds, like their visit to the UFO believers and abduction survivors meeting. "A lot of the speakers came across as really self-centred," said Ian, "I mean, there were two different people who believed they were the chosen one meant to save the world. Two of them! I want to know what they said when they met each other".

But not all their shows end with raised eyebrows. Following reports that Alcoholics Anonymous support groups were "cult-like" and "just a way to avoid responsibility for your actions", the boys took it upon themselves to investigate. "It was really nothing like people told us it would be. It's a place where people can talk about their problems without any kind of judgement, and where people really understand and care about your problems. And it's totally up to you how much you want to join in, so anyone who says it's a cult really has no idea". It's clear the duo are proud of their show and strive to make a positive impact on their listeners. "If one person heard our show about Alcoholics Anonymous, thought it might help them and went to a meeting, then we might have really made a difference in someone's life," says Ian. "It's not exactly what we're trying to do, but one of the great things about talk radio are those unexpected moments, those times when you really learn something that you didn't expect to, you know?".

With good noses for a great story and their laid back style, Jack Perry and Ian Kane are two presenters well worth a listen. So tune in to SURG FM Tuesdays at 10am for a hefty dose of 'The Weekly Truth Pill'.