

Steve Haddan

Comedian, MC and keynote speaker

Steve Haddan is a highly skilled writer and entertainer who can develop a show suitable for any occasion or audience. Steve offers a broad range of entertainment packages from slide shows, tribute nights and stand-up comedy to shows in which he plays a an industry-specific character developed in consultation with the client. He is a fabulous impressionist - his 'Big Clive' brings the house down - and an in-demand after-dinner speaker and MC.

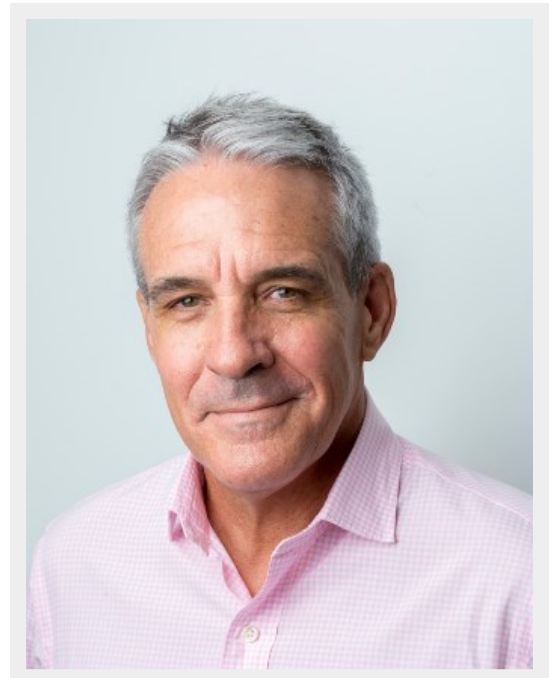
Creative, insightful and professional, Steve Haddan has built a reputation for excellence across the widest range of talent-based skills and disciplines. He's also very, very funny. No wonder that so many members of corporate Australia have used the services of this impressive performer and, more importantly, requested repeat performances.

After completing studies in journalism, drama and Australian History at the University of Queensland in 1980, Steve spent two years as a professional actor, starring in major productions with the La Boite and Queensland Theatre Companies. In 2003, Steve shared the stage with fellow alumni from the RQTC, Oscar winner Geoffrey Rush, at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre, performing as his alter ego 'Molly' Meldrum at a gala tribute to commemorate the career of the company's long serving Artistic Director, the late Alan Edwards.

After his stint with the RQTC, Steve Haddan embarked on a four-year career with Xerox, becoming one of the company's top salesmen. In 1985 he won the American Chamber of Commerce Xerox Australian Salesman of the Year Award. At the same time he was moonlighting as a stand-up comic and, in 1985, in a series of show-stopping appearances on Network Ten's hugely popular variety show *Star Search*, Steve's uncanny impression of 'Molly' Meldrum achieved national stardom. Appearances on Nine's *Hey it's Saturday* and Seven's *Celebrity Family Feud* saw him take his amazing talents as a comic impressionist to the next level and Steve soon became one of the country's most sought-after corporate performers.

During two years as a comedy writer and on-air performer with *FM 104*, then boasting the largest per capita audience in Australian radio, Steve landed the Australian Federation of Radio Broadcasters 'Raward' for the Best New Talent on Australian metropolitan radio in 1989.

In 1990 he authored and self-published *The Power's Bitter History of the New South Wales Rugby*



League Finals - the first-ever history of what is now the National Rugby League. It was a runaway best seller. Another two editions followed with over 17,000 books sold. During the NRL's centenary year in 2008, Steve produced a third edition, *The Finals: 10 years of National Rugby League Finals*, again a runaway success.

In 1992 he joined the Nine Network, hosting the morning variety show *In Brisbane Today* with Fiona McDonald. It was the beginning of a formidable career lasting from 1993 to 2010 where he worked as a sports presenter and journalist with Nine News.

In 2010 Steve developed a breakthrough workplace education programme - The Head Heart & Body Master Class - and has trained staff at Aurizon (formerly QR National), the Nine Network, Lend Lease, ANZ Private and Visy. In late January 2012, 18 months after finishing at Nine, he was asked to return to the station and deliver his ground-breaking Master Class to all 120 full-time staff. It was the first blanket training the station had undertaken since 1993. Steve has also had great success with a number of schools.

Steve Haddan is one of Australia's finest creative talents and best corporate performers. He leaves audiences in fits of laughter, and his performances have been the highlight of many an event. At the same time, event organisers love his professionalism, innovation and ability to capture their needs in his performance.

Steve's varied career, which includes a period as one of Xerox's top salesmen, a 19-year stint as an on-air presenter and sports journalist with the Nine Network, being a best-selling author and an award-winning radio host, has given him unique experience and insight into how to provide the very best in quality entertainment.

Client testimonials

“ You pitched it perfectly for the audience and obviously this is something that you work hard on achieving...great performance...you obviously went to a huge effort with 'Clive'. Molly was spot on and Stefan was 'fantastic'. Everyone had a laugh...very entertaining. I'll certainly be recommending you to my colleagues. I must admit that I've always been a fan. You are a man of many talents.

- **QLD Gastroenterologists Conference**

“ Thanks you for the very humorous and entertaining 'this is your life ' you prepared and presented at my 60th birthday party last week. It was most definitely the highlight of the night and set the fun tone we wanted to achieve. It has been gratifying to us and should be to you that so many of our guests have expressed exactly that sentiment. Thank you for a job very well done.

- Leigh Matthews, AFL Player of the Century, 60th Birthday

“ I don't believe we could have asked for anyone better. It was wonderful having you here and it certainly made the night.

- Easter on the McIntyre

“ You have a special gift with what you do, and it definitely makes a difference to so many people. When you have the ability to move people - from laughing to crying and back again - it gets people to think about their lives in a better way! Keep up the awesome work!

- Brisbane Entrepreneur's Organisation

“ How incredibly happy we have been with your ongoing role as an entertainer at our corporate events, and especially your most recent performance. Since the company's launch party in 2002, you have performed for us on many occasions and we have developed a great relationship with you.

- Place Estate Agents

“ Your Master Class offered insightful and meaningful real-life experiences that will provide staff with the tools they need to work through any internal and external changes they may encounter in the future. The seminars have made the team more resilient, value teamwork, manage conflict and recognise the importance of self-care. The overall feedback has been outstanding. Thank you so much for your contribution to our organisation.

- QLD Nine

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