

## Melody Horrill

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**Author, International Documentary Producer,  
Dolphin Campaigner & Domestic Violence Survivor**

Melody Horrill is an internationally published author, an award-winning Australian journalist, former television presenter and documentary producer. Her memoir '*A dolphin called Jock*' and its US/UK equivalent '*The Dolphin Who Saved Me*' has received national and international accolades and is endorsed by Dr Jane Goodall DBE, UN Messenger for Peace among many other notable conservationists.



Melody is well-known for her passionate writing and filming about the wild river dolphins in Adelaide, Australia. Her documentary '*A Dance with a Dolphin*' was broadcast across Australia and around the world on CNN. She is co-chair of the Jane Goodall Institute's Cetacea Committee and non-executive Director of the Dolphin Research Institute (AU).

Melody's passion is sharing her story about growing up with, and surviving extreme domestic violence and how she gained resilience, strength and hope through connecting with nature - in particular, a wild, injured, solitary dolphin which she outlines in her memoir. Her ongoing concern for the plight of dolphins and whales worldwide, and desire to offer hope to victims of domestic violence are at the core of why she finally decided to pen her story. Several excerpts from her memoir will be featured in an International Marine Anthology published globally by OceanCare.

Melody has spent much of her life lobbying for the protection of Adelaide's Port River dolphins. After leaving University, she founded a not-for-profit to raise public awareness about the dolphins and their environment. This led to the creation of Australia's first Dolphin Sanctuary in the mid-2000's.

As a broadcast journalist, Melody specialized in writing and presenting environment and science feature stories for many Australian TV news networks. She was also the South Australian Correspondent for CNN's *International World Report*. She is an honorary member of CNN's International Professional Program.

She has been a keynote speaker and MC at multiple events including the Pride of Australia Awards, SA Women in Leadership functions, SA Leaders Lunches, Port Adelaide Football Club Chairmans Luncheons, Myer/Spring Racing Carnival functions, SA Health workshops, along with hosting and speaking at numerous fund-raising events for charities such as the Animal Welfare League, Heart Foundation and Royal Zoological Association of SA. She has also presented to multiple schools.

In addition, she has developed and presented dozens of workshops focusing on effective media and

communication strategies and impactful writing for organizations such as the Bureau of Meteorology, Real Estate Institute, Alexandra Health and Flinders Medical Centre.

Melody relocated to Melbourne in 2014, working for top rating radio station 3AW then as Media and Communications Manager for the Australian Bureau of Meteorology, where she won an Australia Day Merit Award for her outstanding communication work during the devastating 2019-2020 Victorian Bushfires. She left the organization in 2021 to focus on her writing.

Melody has also authored a children's fantasy with strong personal resilience and environmental themes to be published in May 2024. A third book on human/domestic animal connections will be published in September 2024.

### **Melody Horrill talks about:**

- Resilience and hope
- The power of sharing inspiring stories through 'lived life' experiences
- Healing from childhood trauma/overcoming hardship
- Connecting with animals and the natural world
- Dolphins and the marine environment
- Effective media engagement

### **Client testimonials:**

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“ Melody is a humble and down to earth woman. Her ability to engage an audience with her life story of tragedy to triumph is exceptional. Her positive attitude to life is inspiring. She is a very relatable person, and this shines through in her speaking, being able to hold the audience's attention with a message of hope and resilience. Melody comes highly recommended as a professional speaker and media personality who is sure to not only draw a crowd to an event but keep them raving for a long time afterwards.

**- SOL Results Training/Board Treasurer 'The Reily Foundation'**

“ Melody's story is compelling enough to hold the audience's attention, but she matches it with her public speaking skills. Her passion for her subject and the professionalism of her approach. She speaks as well as she writes - she is lively, energetic and engaging.

**- Natural Hazards Consulting**

“ Melody has many years of TV presentation experience - her confidence and skills are just what people can relate to. She is credible. Melody can tailor her message to suit any audience and her message is about hope and resilience, what better message is there?

**- Austalk Promotions**

“ Melody has a real presence about her. She’s a great communicator, has a big personality and commands attention in the room.

**- SA Police**

“ In my 4th year at the club, you were the best MC we have had. You turned the pre match (ANZAC day) function into a warm, relaxed and friendly environment.

**- CEO Port Adelaide Football Club**

“ I highly recommend Melody Horrill as a guest speaker. Her memoir, "A Dolphin Called Jock," showcases her inspiring journey of overcoming adversity through her bond with a wild dolphin. Melody's humility, relatability, and positive outlook shine through in her thoughtful presentation, making her an outstanding choice to inspire and connect with any audience, as she did with our recent SA Leaders Celebrating Women in Business Luncheon. Melody is a wonderful human being, when you meet her you'll connect like a good friend that you've known forever. Your audience will feel her genuine desire to change the world around her.

**- South Australian Leaders**

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