

# Belinda Russell

## *Newsreader, Host, Journalist and MC*

Belinda Russell is a newsreader, weather presenter and reporter at the Nine Network who loves meeting and talking to people and turning their stories into great television. She has extensive experience presenting and producing news, current affairs and children's programs, across Australia and in the UK.



Hailing from Queensland, Belinda completed a degree in Communications and Journalism at the University of Southern Queensland, before joining Network Ten in Brisbane in 1999. After producing segments for Ten's long-running kids' environmental show *Totally Wild* Belinda joined the Ten News team as a reporter. She presented news and weather bulletins, before being asked to host *Totally Footy*, a new network program aimed at young AFL fans.

In 2002, Belinda headed to London, where she joined Sky News as a producer, gaining valuable experience in a breaking news environment. Her on camera ability was soon recognised by Sky executives who gave her a reporting gig - making her one of few Aussie journalists to work on camera in British television.

In the UK she worked across a range of stories, and gained live location and studio experience, before specialising as an Entertainment Reporter. She was lucky enough to meet and interview some of the biggest names in show business, including Madonna, Tom Cruise, Kylie Minogue, Antonio Banderas, Elton John, Leonardo DiCaprio and Angelina Jolie.

In 2007, Belinda returned to Australia, and joined The Nine Network's "A Current Affair" as a reporter, based in Sydney. She covered a broad range of stories, but was happiest talking to people who had overcome tough times in their lives, or who had inspirational experiences to share.

After taking a short break from her career to raise her three daughters, Belinda returned to Nine in 2013 and is now a weather presenter for Sydney's flagship 6pm news bulletin. She also regularly presents *Nine News Now* and occasionally joins *Weekend Today* - both behind the news desk, and out on the road, delivering the nation's weather forecasts.

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