

Paul McDermott

Australia's Good News MC

Paul McDermott is without doubt one of Australia's most popular and versatile entertainers with his comedy, acting, singing, writing and illustrating talents all publicly and critically acclaimed.

Paul McDermott has been at the forefront of Australian entertainment since the *Doug Anthony Allstars* attained national and international success in the 1980s. When they disbanded, Paul moved on to writing and presenting national radio programs on Triple J and television programs including *The Big Gig*, *DAAS Kapital*, *Good News Week* and *Side Show* on ABCTV. In 2008, Paul reintroduced *Good News Week* to television audiences on Channel Ten.

Many corporate clients have used Paul's talents in a variety of roles. In addition to his well-known musical and general hosting roles, Paul has undertaken, with a great success, corporate debating as both panelist and moderator. He also hosts highly entertaining and tailored *Good News Week* events for Australia's corporates.

As a Master of Ceremonies Paul McDermott's quick wit, intellect and incredible abilities stand him well ahead of most in the industry. His additional talents as a comedian and musical performer make him a unique addition to any corporate event or function.

Since 1992, Paul has fronted the hot comedy trio *GUD*, which sold out theatres and festivals across Australia and at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. In 2003, *GUD* was awarded the prestigious 'The Age Critics Award' at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival. In 1996-1997 he co-hosted breakfast radio on Triple J with Mikey Robins, Steve Abbott and later Jen Oldershaw.

In 2002 he successfully hosted *The World Comedy Tour*, a stand-up comedy program featuring leading performers from the UK, USA, Canada and Australia which was broadcast on major networks worldwide.

Paul hosted the ABC Show *Strictly Dancing* in 2004 and 2005, has released several books with the Doug Anthony AllStars and several of his own (*The Forgetting of Wisdom*, *The Scree*, *The Girl Who Swallowed Bees*). *The Scree* was developed into a short film featuring comedian Paul Livingstone (better known as Flacco). It went on to win Best Film at the 2005 Flickerfest International Film Festival and was invited to be screened at the 54th Berlin Film Festival.



Paul has always loved performing live and in 2012 he takes to the stage with accompanist Stu Hunter and an 'all star' band to sing some of his classic songs and tell stories in a new show, 'Paul Sings'.

Paul has also been a sensational host of major televised events such as the *ARIAs* and *The Great Debates*.

Client testimonials

“ Paul’s performance on the night was exceptional, he was very well researched on GSK and our people, providing a truly unique and tailored performance that was greatly appreciated. We didn’t just get Paul McDermott, we got Paul McDermott doing GSK - we were thrilled.

- *GlaxoSmithKline Australia*

“ I just wanted to say how fabulous Paul was as Host of our awards function, tell him thanks from all of us.

- *New Woman Magazine*

“ A fantastic show, kept the hard to please crowd entertained and laughing...a true showman.

- *Melbourne Advertising Club*

“ He really was a pleasure to work with...having someone who was as organized as Paul there on the night was a godsend. His professionalism really shone through and he greatly contributed to the success of the evening.

- *Australia Society, Tokyo*

“ The evening was a fantastic success, enhanced by your capability as MC in difficult circumstances.

- *Sydney Children’s Hospital Foundation*

“ Paul was extremely professional and highly entertaining. He tailored his act to suit the guests and our client and had everyone in the room in stitches of laughter.

- *Pinque PR & Events*

“ Paul was sensational, a professional and a genuinely talented man.

- BBC Entertainment

“ Paul was one of the best ever MCs that the FBAA has had and we would love to have him back again. His personality, stage presence and appeal made him one in a million.

- Finance Brokers Association of Australia

“ I really enjoyed working with you Paul, you were a great addition to our event, can't wait to work with you again.

- MAIN Cooperative

“ The Thorn Group recently engaged Paul McDermott for a National Conference held on the Gold Coast. His main duties included Master of Ceremony at plenary sessions, workshops and entertainment at the Gala Dinner. Paul's style very successfully resonated with the culture of our team through his use of wit and humour. He was also able to quickly pick up on the mood and tempo of the conference as well as relate anecdotes to our business. Many members of our team thought he was a highlight of the conference overall. His performance at our Gala Dinner involving song, dance and comedy showed his diversity and great entertainment value. We would definitely consider engaging Paul at future events.

- Thorn Group Limited

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