

# Michael Pope

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## *Superb MC, Mentalist & Comedian*

Michael Pope is the ultimate Master of Ceremonies and facilitator having spent over 30 years entertaining audiences in the television and corporate worlds. His legendary game of Shuffle is an absolute winner as an ice breaker, event closer, to raise funds or as an unexpected way to get the hefty topics of leadership and risk taking under discussion.

A thorough professional, Michael has made hundreds of public appearances as an MC or after dinner speaker for private, corporate, government and charitable events around Australia.



Whether it's warming up a huge crowd of 30,000 for the televised Australia Day awards, MCing a black-tie dinner for a company's award night, or hosting a golf day, Michael has the unique ability to turn a crowd into an audience. Along with superb improvisation skills, impeccable timing and one of the quickest wits in the business, he has the enviable ability to read an audience, swiftly engage with them and then deliver exactly what they want. Every person is treated with respect and appreciation, whether a VIP or one in a crowd of hundreds.

Michael Pope has worked with many leading charities over the years as an MC or featured act. His particular forte is live auctions, where his powers of persuasion work wonders on generous donors. Brainwave, Canteen and The Cancer Council are just a few of the charities that have employed Michael's sparkling wit and inimitable skills to keep everyone entertained and digging deep all night long.

Michael has also worked with Australia's best-known corporates, including LG, AMP, AFI, ANZ, CPA, Crown, Freehills, Fuji Xerox and Guardian.

## *Michael Pope's performances:*

**It's Who You Know (IWYK)** - A funny, daring and fast moving show that makes audiences re-examine exactly how they know the people they know. Over 60 minutes, Michael Pope finds connections within the audience leaving them wondering whether it's all in the lap of a higher power.....his!

Michael has performed IWYK to packed houses and he won the Best Newcomer Award with the

show at the Melbourne Magic Festival 2019. Available for corporate audiences, this show is perfect for after dinner entertainment or a breakout from the work of the day.

**Shuffle** - An interactive, dramatic battle between two players, a pack of cards and luck that gives the players - and in fact the whole audience - the chance to be winners.

Played out in about 60 minutes, this is the perfect multi-functional strategy that will get your audience warmed up or close your event with high energy. Shuffle also encourages people to open their wallets at fundraisers while at workshops, and it quickly initiates discussion about leadership and risk taking.

Shuffle can be designed to fit within your budget and timings and is perfect for any group of 20 - 150. Simple to facilitate, it can be played by everyone at the same time via the internet with handheld devices supplied by Michael who will run the game. Your people will walk away having had a fun and engaging time - win or lose!

Highly entertaining, highly professional and a brilliant MC and host, Michael Pope's undoubted expertise and years of experience will make the difference you're looking for, ensuring that your event will be memorable and successful.

## Client testimonials

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“ We recently returned home from our Annual Conference on the Sunshine Coast. Michael Pope was our MC for the entire three days and nights of Conference, and his contribution helped to make it our best one yet. Michael was dynamic, entertaining and professional. He worked closely with the venue's AV team to ensure the visuals ran correctly and our conference sessions ran perfectly on time. This was particularly important on the very full middle day, but Michael moved things along smoothly, and with flair! Michael is incredibly gifted when it comes to getting the audience revved up and excited. He used magic, audience participation and some great one liners to get everyone involved, and had the whole group laughing and cheering together. I would not hesitate to recommend Michael to anyone seeking an outstanding MC, someone to add a little something to your next event. However, I don't want him to get too swamped, we want him back for next year's Conference too!

- *Connective*

“ Michael is such a highly talented and skilful MC who engages audiences in a way that he puts energy and buzz into any audience. He goes above and beyond in his preparation and research of the client, their audience and key messages / themes. Michael is also able to "wing it" and ad lib when necessary due to technical issues or last minute changes to agendas or presenters which is a highly valuable asset to any Producer in the live events space.

- *CiCreate*

“ I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for the wonderful job you have done in hosting a variety of Master Builder’s events over the years. The entertainment that you have provided our members, both at regional and state events, where numbers range from 150 to 600 has been outstanding ... your brilliant wit and wide repertoire has charmed the various audiences that have attended these events. From pre-function to stumps, you are always ‘switched on’. Our guests speak highly of you well after the event.

**- Master Builders Association**

“ We all had an amazing time at our 2013 La Porchetta Annual Conference in Pinnacle Valley resort. Michael Pope was the MC for the event. Michael was very highly rated in our feedback forms and we all enjoyed his style and surprises throughout the two days. Michael is personable, down to earth and a pleasure to work with. Michael’s delivery techniques were excellent. He got to know his audience very quickly and tailored his delivery to suit us. He was flexible and happy to amend the agenda as required. I would most definitely recommend Michael to other organisations, his card tricks are also amazing.

**- La Porchetta**

“ Just a quick note to let you know that Michael Pope stole the show on Saturday night - every single bit of feedback from guests has been that "Michael was the star"! He more than earned his keep on stage and they simply loved him! He is an absolute professional who reads his brief, does his homework and never misses a beat.

**- AFI Awards - Kerry Freer Events**

“ Thank you so much for a truly funny, witty and entertaining evening. Honestly, the feedback from the staff and management alike has been terrific. The prizes and funny activities put everyone in a great mood. You kept the night flowing and I was floored by your quick wit and constant funny gags. Thanks to your professionalism, everything just fell into place.

**- The Franklin Printing Group**

“ Michael Pope worked like a charm, especially the ‘roving reporter’ segment he did on the Vision truck with our Marketing Manager. It is hard to keep the audience's attention when it comes to product presentations, but Michael made it happen. I was very impressed with his professionalism and involvement in the night as if it was his own. Our mining manager said, "it sounded as if he knew what he was talking about!

**- Mack Trucks Australia**

“ Thank you Michael for contributing to what was another outstanding conference at Hamilton Island. As MC your ability to manage the agenda with a perfect blend of humour made for a memorable conference for both the delegates and the plenary and break out presenters.

Should you wish to ever promote the plenary session you delivered on Presenting Skills, I would gladly offer myself as a referee. The content of the presentation was outstanding and the talk amongst the room afterwards was that it will surely help our franchisees to run more effective seminars and customer meetings.

**- Mortgage Choice**

“ It was such a huge pleasure working with you Michael. Despite all the ongoing changes you remained calm, accommodating and on the ball. Nothing was ever a problem...a talent and attitude that made my role so much easier - THANK YOU!

**- LG Roadshow**

“ From the time we sat down there were only brief moments that I saw anyone in the room without a smile on their face. We had a huge amount of comments about you, from “is that Paul Robinson from Neighbours” to “how can I book him for our next event.” It was a pleasure working with you and your experience and advice on our run sheet assisted in making the night a great success. We will definitely consider you for future events and I look forward to working with you again.

**- APCO Australasia**

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