

# Tony Eastley

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## *Award winning journalist & facilitator*

Tony Eastley is an award winning journalist and one of the ABC's most experienced and respected media personalities. He has reported on extraordinary events and interviewed fascinating people in the 25 or so years he's been with the ABC.

Tony joined the ABC in 1979 after completing a journalist cadetship with The Examiner newspaper in Launceston. He was an ABC foreign correspondent based in Singapore (1988-1990) and Hong Kong Bureau Chief (1990-1992). Tony won a Logie and a Gold Medal in the New York Television Festival for reporting the crushing of student riots in Bangkok, and was a Walkley Award finalist for his coverage of Tiananmen Square demonstrations in Beijing.

Returning to Australia, Tony presented *First Edition*, the ABC's breakfast TV news show (1993-1995) from Melbourne, before moving to ABC Radio Current Affairs in Sydney where he hosted *The World Today* (1995-1997). In 1998 he was appointed presenter of the TV news program, *World At Noon*, which had a strong political, economic and international focus and required a wide range of live interviews.

Together with Kerry O'Brien, he anchored the News and Current Affairs division's critically acclaimed special coverage of the terrorist attacks in the United States in September 2001, and the subsequent war in Afghanistan. He has long been the ABC's first choice as presenter for rolling coverage of special events including the Yugoslavia/ Kosovo war, East Timor, and the fall of Indonesia's President Suharto.

Tony presented the *7:00pm TV News* in NSW before moving back to radio in 2004, to replace Linda Mottram in the AM chair.

Tony is married with two children and when not reporting and presenting can be found sailing on Sydney Harbour in his aging wooden sailing boat.

## ***Book Tony Eastley as:***

**Keynote presenter and MC** - As an award winning journalist and highly experienced presenter,



Tony Eastley delivers engaging presentations filled with anecdotes about the people he has met and the sites he has seen while reporting world altering events.

**Facilitator** - Using his excellent interviewing technique and drawing on a unique depth of knowledge, he is a talented facilitator who can draw information from people, encourage discussion and help attendees develop new and inspired ideas

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