

# Michael Usher

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## *Journalist, Broadcaster & MC*

Michael Usher is one of Australia's most experienced journalists, having reported leading sport and political news events from around the globe. Best known as a reporter on Channel Nine's *60 Minutes*, his journey has taken him through scorching deserts, freezing glaciers and everywhere in between.



With an in-depth understanding of the international events that have shaped our generation, Michael Usher is a fascinating MC and Facilitator.

## **More about Michael Usher:**

Michael's career in broadcast journalism began in Western Australia - as a final-year cadet at Golden West Television Network in 1990, followed by posting in Bunbury and Kalgoorlie before he joined STW9 Perth.

In 1993 Michael made the move to the harbour city and set up office with the team at TCN 9. Here, he reported the 1996 Atlanta Olympics then lead coverage of the 2000 Sydney Olympics (and the subsequent two Olympic and two Commonwealth games). However, his avid passion for travel and history were exploited with his assignment to the Nine Network's US Bureau as a correspondent in 2001, and London Bureau (covering Europe and Middle East) in 2004.

During this half decade as a foreign correspondent, Michael covered many major stories, including: the September 11 terrorist attacks in New York, subway bombings in London and Madrid, war in Iraq, death of Pope John Paul II and Colombia Space Shuttle.

Upon returning home in 2006, Michael presented *Nightline*. In 2007 he was appointed news presenter for the *Sunday* program. He filed reports for *60 Minutes* as a contractor in 2008 before joining the team as a permanent member in 2009 - hosting the first leaders' debate between Julia Gillard and Tony Abbott prior to 2010 Australian Federal Election.

Michael has built his career on the maxim that everyone has a story, and his ability to listen and transfer those tales to a greater audience is among the best in the business.

After 25 loyal years with Channel 9, Michael moved to the 7 Network, taking the position as their Presenter/Weekend News reader, enabling him to spend more time with his children in Sydney.

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