

Pip Courtney

Host of Landline

Pip Courtney has been reporting for the ABC's national rural affairs program Landline for 30 years and has been host since 2012.



She's won numerous journalism awards for her reporting on agriculture, business, sport, the environment, medicine and education.

Career highlights include being named Queensland Journalist of the Year in 2007 with colleague Sally Sara and winning the International Star Prize for Agricultural Journalism in 2011.

Pip was inducted into Queensland's Rural Journalism Hall of Fame in 2018, and most recently won the 2024 National Star Prizes for Rural Broadcasting.

Born and bred in Tasmania Pip took up a graduate cadetship at the ABC in Hobart in 1986, working in radio and television news.

She worked for the 7.30 Report in Melbourne but is best known for her rural reporting, which began when she moved to Canberra on the "Mainland" in 1993 to work for Landline.

Melbourne followed but she's now based in Brisbane.

Rural reporting has taken Pip to every Australian state and territory, as well as China, Peru, Timor Leste, the USA, Cambodia and Laos.

She has been an MC, keynote speaker and panel moderator for over a decade.

As well as story-hunting and storytelling, Pip loves Tasmania, horses, cats, champagne and sheep.

Client testimonials

“ As an MC Pip is engaging, enthusiastic and confident. She presents herself in the most professional manner. Pip gets involved in the event she hosts and takes pride in ensuring it's an event worth going to. She listens, provides her own personal feedback and is entertaining. She is approachable and real and a delight to work with.

- Victorian Farmers Federation

“ It was such a pleasure to have Pip, as the official Ambassador and speaker for the 2013 Rural Lifestyle Expo. Pip was extremely charming and thorough in the way she conducted herself and mixed and spoke with many people, much to their delight. As the official speaker during the event, the enormous crowd were all very interested in hearing about her life and as a journalist with the ABC. Our committee would love to have her as an Ambassador again, in the future.

- Rural Lifestyle Expo

“ In our role as event managers for Australian Lot Feeders' Association, EPP extended an invitation to Pip Courtney to MC our event BeefWorks, held at Kerwee Feedlot west of Toowoomba in October 2013. This proved a great move on several fronts! We wanted that great combination of a person with profile, humility and care – and also with connection to the land and to the industry. This wasn't any old conference – this was a conference for 400 people in a shed, on a feedlot. And, Pip delivered all that in spades. She turned up in her signature akubra hat and pink shirt and simply integrated herself into our crowd of 400 lot feeders. Everyone loved Pip – and just about everyone got to meet her. And, to have that familiar face and voice on the microphone was super. An added bonus was the additional publicity the move provided. Pip is simply a lovely person who has the people of the land at heart. This was very evident in all she did for us.

- Esther Price Promotions

“ A speaker who can inform, entertain and mobilise their audience to action is priceless, and Pip Courtney does this. Her message is grounded in evidence and experience, yet is conveyed from the heart, speaking to all in the room. Having Pip Courtney speak or MC your event will add value, and ensure delegates not only remember the event, but continue to speak of it in the months that follow.

- Qld Rural, Regional & Remote Women's Network

“ Pip was excellent. A natural talent who thoroughly understands her audience and is not afraid to say some home truths in an entertaining and warm way that the wins over the crowd. Her presence at the show grounds was noted and appreciated by large numbers of farmers (she even had a group of teenage sheep breeders star struck and asking for her card). She is a pleasure to spend time with and we highly recommend her to any event organisers.

- Australian Sheep Breeders Association

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