

Robyn Williams AO

Science Journalist, Broadcaster and Author

A science journalist and presenter of Radio National's Science Show (since 1975), Ockham's Razor and In Conversation. Robyn Williams is a fascinating and engaging presenter, who infuses his presentations with wit and humour and has the enviable ability to make science interesting and fascinating for almost anyone.

Robyn Williams is as prominent on radio as he is on television, having narrated programs such as Nature of Australia and Catalyst, and appeared on World Safari with David Attenborough.



He has conducted countless interviews with scientists for ABC TV and he hosted a link between leading scientists of Australia and the United Kingdom at the Grand Launch for the Royal Institution of Great Britain, attended by David Attenborough and the Queen.

Robyn Williams is highly respected in the academic world. In 1993 he was the first journalist elected as a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science. In 1988, he received an Honorary Doctorate in Science from the Universities of Sydney, Macquarie and Deakin. The ANU awarded him a Doctorate of Law, and he is a Visiting Professor at the University of NSW and an Adjunct Professor at the University of Queensland.

Robyn Williams was appointed AM in the 1988 Australian Bicentenary Honours list. He was elected a National Living Treasure by the National Trust in 1987 and even has a star named after him by the Sydney Observatory.

Robyn has served in various positions including President of the Australian Museum Trust, Deputy Chairman of the Commission For The Future, and President of The ANZAAS Congress. He is an Ambassador of the Queensland Museum Foundation.

Robyn Williams has written over 10 books, three of which are on the Higher School Certificate reading list. In 1994, Robyn Williams took up a Reuters Fellowship at Oxford University where he wrote his autobiography *And Now For Something Completely Different* in deference to one of his most popular interviews with John Cleese on psychiatry.

His book, *Future Perfect*, focuses on cities, transport, communication, education and science.

Although Robyn Williams graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in England, he admits to

having spent as much time acting as he has studying. Early in his career he made guest appearances in The Goodies, Monty Python's Flying Circus and Dr Who and stood in for Tom Jones for four months in his TV series.

A superb communicator whose penetrating interpretations are enhanced by a lively wit, Robyn's unique mix of humour and fact is both stimulating and entertaining.

Client testimonials

“ Articulate, thoughtful and witty. Robyn was both challenging and entertaining.

- ***National Parks and Wildlife Society***

“ Wow! Robyn was wonderful - just what the luncheon needed - humour & information.

- ***Institution of Engineers***

“ Robyn is an inspirational speaker. He had a great feel for the audience and added considerable value to the conference.

- ***Reed Business Publishing***

“ The guests thoroughly enjoyed the forums. They were lively, entertaining and informative and the audience loved the group dynamic you helped to nurture. We could not have achieved this level of success without your preparation and support.

- ***Queensland Government Science Dept***

“ Robyn was able to match the topic and tone of his anecdotes with the audience, which was a very specific group of people: passionate geologists! It's no easy feat to appeal to a group of specialists, but Robyn nailed it.

- ***Geoscience Victoria***

“ Totally enthralling. Audience at the Congress were totally challenged and stimulated with the big picture.

- ***Botanic Gardens Australia & New Zealand***

“ Robyn was very well received and I would personally like to thank him for the obvious amount of time and effort he put into his speech relating it to our event. He was nothing short of professional.

- *.au Domain Administration Ltd*

“ Very well received; lots of great feedback about his MCing & his engagement with the audience. The Victorian science community were thrilled to have him in attendance.

- *The C Word*

“ Fantastic - very engaged audience, had a great time.

- *Office of Environment & Heritage*

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