

Robyn Williams AO

Science Journalist, Broadcaster and Author

Science journalist and broadcaster Robyn Williams presents RN's The Science Show.

Although he graduated with a Bachelor of Science (honours) in England, Robyn admits to spending as much time acting as studying. Early in his career he made guest appearances in The Goodies, Monty Python's Flying Circus and Doctor Who, and stood in for Tom Jones for four months in his TV series.

He has conducted countless interviews with scientists on ABC TV on programs such as Quantum and Catalyst, narrated the Nature of Australia series and appeared in World Safari with David Attenborough.

Outside the ABC, Robyn has served in various capacities, including president of the Australian Museum Trust, chairman of the Commission for the Future, and president of the Australian Science Communicators. In 1987, he was proclaimed a National Living Treasure.

In 1993, Robyn was the first journalist elected as a Fellow Member of the Australian Academy of Science. He was appointed AM in the 1988 Australian Bicentenary Honours list and in the same year received honorary doctorates in science from the University of Sydney and Macquarie and Deakin Universities. 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.

A Reuters fellowship at Oxford University allowed him time to write his autobiography, And Now for Something Completely Different. He was a visiting fellow at Balliol College Oxford in 1995-96.

Robyn has written more than 10 books, the latest being a novel, 2007: a true story waiting to happen.



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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