

## Wendy Harmer

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***Humorist, author, broadcaster, MC***

Wendy Harmer is one of Australia's best-known humourists and has enjoyed a highly successful thirty-year career in journalism, radio, television and stand-up comedy. As a stand-up comedian she performed her one-woman shows at the Melbourne, Edinburgh, Montreal and Glasgow Mayfest Comedy Festivals, in London's West End and the Sydney Theatre Company.

Wendy enjoyed huge popularity leading Sydney radio station 2Day FM's top-rating *Breakfast Show* for 11 years and winning 84 of the 88 ratings surveys for that period. She has hosted, written and appeared in a variety of TV shows and was the first woman to host a TV comedy show - ABC's *The Big Gig* in 1989.



Wendy's comedy credentials make her a fabulous entertainer and MC for any event.

### **More about Wendy Harmer:**

A former political journalist, Wendy is the author of eight books for adults including her best-selling novel *Farewell My Ovaries, Love and Punishment* and *Nagging for Beginners, a how-to guide for women*. Her latest novel *Friends Like These* was published in April 2011. Wendy's children's book series about *Pearlie* the park fairy have sold more than 700,000 copies in Australia and internationally since the first title *Pearlie in the Park* was published in 2003. A stage show of the books adapted by Wendy played at the Seymour Centre in Sydney and toured regional NSW in 2005 and then nationally in 2007. The animated television series based on Wendy's *PEARLIE* books, co-produced by Sticky Pictures and Canadian broadcaster Nelvana, premiered on Network Ten in October 2009 and aired on Nickelodean Australia and in 11 other countries around the world. Wendy developed the series as Creative Producer and has written many of its episodes.

*Stuff*, a four-part television documentary series which Wendy produced, wrote and presented, premiered on ABC TV in March 2008. In late 2008 Wendy and Angela Catterns recorded a 16-part podcasting series for ABC Radio Local called *Is it Just Me?* Together they debated and discussed their observations and conclusions on everyday life. The podcasts are available for download from the ABC Radio Local website. Wendy teamed up again with Angela Catterns on ABC News Radio with a new show called *It's News to Me*, which recapped the week's events.

Wendy still works as a radio broadcaster for the ABC. She has been a columnist for the *Good*



*Weekend, The Sunday Telegraph* and many magazines and is the Editor in Chief of *The Hoopla*, a daily online news and magazine website.

Wendy is also a member of the National People With a Disability and Carer's Council and a patron of Interplast.

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