

## Tom Williams

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### **Popular TV Personality, Radio Presenter and Thrill Seeker**

Former chippy Tom Williams first shot to superstardom in 2005 following his winning performance in series two of Channel Seven's top-rating *Dancing with the Stars*.

Seven found a rare quality in Tom - that capacity to be both familiar and exceptional, to both be like a guy you know and a guy you'd like to know. As a result, they gave him the opportunity to give the passport a workout as a reporter on *The Great Outdoors*. During his seven years on the show, Tom went on more than 60 trips spanning 25 countries, including Africa, the Arctic Circle, Ecuador and the Middle East. He paraglided over Switzerland's Matterhorn, trekked through the dense Guatemalan jungle, explored an active volcano in Costa Rica, made it to Machu Picchu - and participated in many more adrenalin-pumping activities. Since then, Tom Williams has earned a reputation at Channel Seven as the resident thrill-seeker.



But Tom's media career actually began in July 2000 after the licensed carpenter rang *Triple J's Merrick and Rosso* radio show to throw in his ten cents worth. His rave led to him becoming a regular guest on the show as 'Tom the Chippy'. When the duo moved to Sydney radio station *NOVA 969* in April 2001, Tom moved with them, running *The Chippy's Driver Reviver* every Friday morning.

His knockabout charm and easy humour soon made him the first choice as the resident carpenter on the Seven's DIY show, *Room For Improvement*, in 2001. He also consulted for the program as a genuine tradesman.

After his appearance on *Dancing with the Stars*, Tom was suddenly a household name and was offered his first television hosting role on *The Mole*, a ratings winner for Channel Seven.

As a former competitive surf lifesaver, Tom felt right at home during his four-year hosting role on Channel Seven's *Surf Patrol*.

In 2008, Tom co-hosted the network's revived series, *Gladiators* with Zoe Naylor and joined the Channel Seven commentary team at the Beijing Olympics. He called all the action at the BMX and canoe-kayak events. Later that year, he was a roving reporter at the Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000. In 2009, he was a commentator for Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Iron Man series. Since then he has co-hosted Season 2 of *Rexona's Greatest Athlete*, presented on Seven's SMG Red Focus and co-

hosted travel show-*High Road Low Road*.

In 2011, Tom returned to radio, joining the Classic Rock FM team to present a two hour weekly lifestyle show each Saturday Morning called The Tom Williams Show, which covered topics on entertainment, music, topical news, health and fitness. He also published his first book, *DIY Around the Home*, a practical user-friendly guide to some of the most common projects around the home.

When he's not working, Tom can be seen supporting bands, both local and international, around his hometown. Tom is also an ambassador for AFL team the Sydney Swans and likes to spend his downtime enjoying the sun, sand and surf all over Australia.

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