

MICHAEL DARBY THE COMPERE



Excellence in compèring	For excellence in compèring, choose Michael Darby, who is immensely experienced in the art. He maximises applause for every performer and likes to compose high-quality verse to introduce each speaker or artist. As a compère, Darby is masterful, tactful, humorous and resourceful.
Funny & versatile	Darby's spontaneous wit is complemented by a Shakespearean actor's sense of timing. Darby's jokes are always appropriate for the audience and Darby is unsurpassed in the art of audience involvement. He is equally effective at compèring a major professional conference, a country music competition, a fashion parade, a rodeo, a rural show, a black tie charity fundraiser, a poetry festival or a barramundi fishing competition
Diverse experience	Australian champion debater, former Army officer, recognised poetry judge, Chinese interpreter, former public company chairman, ex-spy, seven-a-side Rugby player, organiser of international humanitarian operations, prisoner of the Mugabe regime and visitor to 53 countries, Darby can draw on a huge range of commercial and humanitarian experience to deliver the ideal anecdote for every occasion and the optimum joke for every circumstance.
In good company	Darby is comfortable sharing a stage or microphone with political and media celebrities, Here are some of hundreds of examples: Lord (Paddy) Ashdown, Sally-Anne Atkinson, Hon Kwadwo Baah-Wiredu, HE Prof Marie Bashir, Eric Baume, Hon Peter Beattie, Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen, Prof David Bellamy, Paul Bongiorno, Neville Bonner, Tim Bowden, , Mike Carlton, Laurie Carmichael, Cardinal Clancy, Roger Climpson, Hon Michael Costa, David Crombie, Barry Crocker, Bryce Courtenay, Quentin Dempster, Casey Donovan, Brian Doyle, Hon Laurie Ferguson, Hon Tim Fischer, Pru Goward, John Grover OBE, Ray Hadley, Lang Hancock, Datuk Harris bin Mohd Salleh, Andrew Harwood, John Highfield, David Hill, Derryn Hinch, Hon Michael Hodgman, Nobel Laureate José Ramos Horta, Hon John Howard, H.E. Maj Gen Michael Jeffrey, Jill Joliffe, Alan Jones AO, Barry Jones, Sir John Kerr, Hon Sir James Killen, Michael Kirby J, Prof Arthur Laffer, John Laws CBE, Hon Sir Phillip Lynch, Michael Mansell, Chris Masters, Campbell McComas, Rt Hon Sir William McMahon, Rt Hon Sir Robert Muldoon, James Packer, Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Palmer, Homer Papantonio, Maj Gen Sitiveni Rabuka OBE, Gina Rinehart, Sir Clinton Roper, Hon Philip Ruddock, Jane Rutter, Bruce Ruxton OBE, John Singleton, James Spigelman CJ, Peter Sterling, Tommy Trinder, Terry Willesee, Margaret Throsby, Mike Walsh, Hon Gough Whitlam, Peter Wilenski, Hon Neville Wran, Peter Yarrow, Francisco Xavier do Amaral, Stan Zemanek. Darby has danced with Lady Sonia McMahon and Belinda Green and been kissed by Diana Dors.
Familiar voice	Most Australians have heard Michael Darby's voice on radio and seen him on television programs including Hypotheticals, Mike Walsh, Meet the Press, Singleton, 7.30 Report, Countrywide, Landline and Hinch plus news bulletins originating in four States and two Territories
No-Show insurance	Darby is the compère who can competently fill the gap if your keynote speaker is kidnapped by aliens or is stranded by fog on the other side of the continent. He can stand in for almost any speaker on any subject at any venue, literally at a moment's notice. Having Darby as compère means a No-Show insurance policy at no extra cost.
Testimonials include	<p><i>Thanks for your fantastic support and for delivering Australian culture to East Timor. (Major General Ian Gordon, Deputy Force Commander UNTAET, 27 Jan 2002)</i></p> <p><i>Your role as Master of Ceremonies (of the Mayoral Charity Ball) pulled the night together and was appreciated by all who have contacted me. (Mayor of Warringah Ckr Darren Jones, 26 Aug 2002)</i></p> <p><i>We are all extremely grateful for your support. I hope you enjoyed the night as much as the audience did. (Chris Ferris, President, Rotary Club of Sydney)</i></p> <p><i>Thank you very much for your wonderful performance as Master of Ceremonies at our recent 50th birthday celebrations. (David Souter, Principal, Manly Vale Public School.</i></p>