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JOHN BLACKMAN



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BLACKERS is one of the most visible and successful personalities in Australian radio and television.

In a show business career spanning nearly 40 years, he has achieved enormous recognition, due (in no small way) to the 28 years he spent with **Daryl Somers** in the pivotal role as the voice of **Dickie Knee** and numerous other characters (including himself) behind Australia's longest running variety show **Hey Hey It's Saturday**.

John has also appeared on many television shows including: **Paul Hogan Show, Holiday Island, Personality Squares, Blankety Blanks, Family Feud, Daryl Somers Show** – just to mention a few.

He has also had vast radio experience starting out at 2GN Goulburn back in 1969 and hosting numerous radio shows ever since, including topping the ratings for five years with **Bruce Mansfield (AKA Uncle Roy)** on **3AW Breakfast** from 1981 to 1986.



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He has also hosted Breakfast shows on **3AK**, **3UZ** and, most recently, **MMM** in Adelaide.

John has published several books through **Pan Macmillan Australia** – including: “**Aussie Gags**”, released in August 1998 (which went into its third reprint just 6 weeks after publication), “**More Aussie Gags**”, “**Don’t Come The Raw Prawn**”, “**Best Of Aussie Slang**”, “**Aussie Slang Dictionary**” and the “**Dickie Knee Bumper Comic Book**”

Recognised for his versatility as the "master of the one-liner", John is now in constant demand as compere/host for conferences, awards nights and a many formal and social occasions.

His humour is droll, spontaneous, mischievous and laconic but never offensive.

It is his familiarity and excellent rapport with his audiences that have made Blackers one of the most sought after personalities on the Australian corporate scene. He is equally in demand for endorsement of products on radio, television and press.

Client Testimonials

"Excellent - John was the ultimate professional - displaying wit, charm, elegance and bawdiness where appropriate."

Polarity Consultants

Excellent!!! John was a true professional from our first meeting. His charm, wittiness, humour and charisma made our trivia night a huge success

Motorola Trivia Night

"Excellent - Ideal for the function."

Real Estate Institute of NSW

"Excellent - A true professional from brief to performance to departure."

Soudan Lane Advertising (Kelloggs)

"Excellent - Very professional and extremely well suited to the audience."

Corporate Travel Services (CTS) (Aust Ski Awards)



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"Excellent - He became an integral part of the conference and the success of the conference was in no small way due to his enthusiasm, friendliness and professionalism."

National Mutual

"Excellent - An outstanding job!"

United Travel Agents Group

"Excellent - Extremely professional and friendly, fully involved himself in the night and couldn't have expected any more from him."

OAMPS Australia

"Excellent - Very professional, easy to work with."

National Australia Bank

"Excellent - John is a delight to work with and really made our convention successful."

Small Business Development Corp.

"Excellent - John Blackman was professional and made a difficult night run like clock work. He was a pleasure to deal with."

Australian Hotel Association

"I loved the way John mingled with all the guests after he had completed his presentation. John doesn't 'JUST' do the job, but takes it that extra step in order to ensure that he's absolutely part of the show and most importantly the team. A wonderful MC!"

BiG GiG event co pty ltd

"From my point of view, John was great to work with (extremely professional) & from the many comments we have received since, John was very funny yet at the same time retained the prestige & quality of the event."

HIA

"Excellent. John needed no introduction. The crowd applauded as he walked on stage. He was fabulous with very little advance brief. Definitely will use John again."

On Q Event Management

"Excellent. John quickly grasped the feel and nature of our Annual Business Awards evening and added humour, poise and professionalism to the event. Fantastic."

Leader Newspapers

"Excellent - The stage performance was excellent and all comments from attendees was extremely positive."

Dromana Secondary College



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"Excellent. John was great, he know how to manage an event and he has great people skills."

Landscape Industries Association

"Excellent. John was fantastic and our corporate clients really enjoyed his presence at our function."

Corporate Nation - Flight Centre Ltd

"Excellent. John was able to assess correctly the mood and tone of the event and produce a most valuable and vibrant performance. He was very obliging and also presented as though he was enjoying what he was doing, which made an incredible difference to the whole evening. Fundamentally he was able to make a very boring format come alive. I would like to commend John for his efforts and professionalism and would without a doubt use him again."

Banksia Foundation

"Excellent. John is extremely professional and adaptable"

National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA)

"John Blackman is not only a very funny man, but a true professional. He accepted from VACC an extensive brief and really did his preparation well. As a MC he is a maestro, with such a beautiful, strong voice that instantly grabs the attention of everyone. He immediately put our guests at ease with some hilarious jokes and quips and really broke the ice of what can be a rather formal evening. It was a great pleasure working with John."

VACC

"Great MC, plenty of laughs delivered all weekend. Mingled with guests outside of the official functions all weekend and kept them laughing."

IGA Distribution

"Excellent. John Blackman was the perfect MC for our function. He was funny and entertaining, while at the same time very professional. He was a pleasure to work with and ensured the evening run like clockwork."

Fairfax Community Newspapers

"Excellent. John was fantastic and he really worked the room well. He got everyone in to the spirit of the evening which was to have fun and raise some money for our charities along the way. He was a great addition to the evening."

Mortgage Industry Association of Australia

"Very Good. Very Easy to work with and of course John's own unique style of humour was appreciated by the audience. He also took the time to do some research on the people he was introducing, which obviously was appreciated by them. He was very professional."

Corporate Business Productions

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