

## Andrew O'Keefe

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### *Awarded Presenter, Entertainer, MC, Facilitator & Host*

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Before his entertainment career, Andrew followed in the footsteps of his father (Supreme Court Judge Barry O'Keefe), working in commercial litigation for five years with top-tier Australian firm Allens, and for a stint with the Public Interest Advocacy Centre NSW. But like his uncle, Australian rock and roll legend Johnny O'Keefe, Andrew's passion for entertainment overcame any thoughts of a straight and licit career path.

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In 2009, Andrew put on his producing hat to launch his own format This is Your Laugh (a chat show with comedy impro) for the Seven Network's HD Channel. Andrew was nominated "Best New Male Talent" in the 2004 Logie Awards, was nominated for the Silver Logie for "Most Popular TV Presenter" in 2005 and 2006, and has been nominated five times for "Most Popular Light Entertainment Programme" for Deal or No Deal. He was also a part of the team that won the World Improv Championships in Montreal, Canada in 2001.

Outside of his career in entertainment, Andrew is a passionate advocate of social-justice causes, most notably in his role as a founding member and Chairman of White Ribbon Australia, a nationwide not-for-profit campaign dedicated to eliminating all forms of violence against women ([www.whiteribbon.org.au](http://www.whiteribbon.org.au)). He is currently on the Board of the Migration Council Australia ([www.migrationcouncil.org.au](http://www.migrationcouncil.org.au)). In 2017, he was recognised as a Member of the Order of Australia for his charitable and social-justice endeavours.

Andrew is open for business...creative business, funny business, serious business, and show business!

## Client Testimonials

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Andrew was a fabulous Compere/Quiz Master, making this the most successful Quiz Night to date. Not only was Andrew very lively, professional, humorous and entertaining, but was also very gracious by taking part in several photographs and signing autographs for a few attendees. He was an absolute pleasure to work with. The Society also received some fabulous exposure as a result of Andrew's appearance and publicity relating to the event.

***MS Society of SA & NT***



Andrew was an exceptional Master of Ceremonies. His wit and humour were instrumental in encouraging the [audience] to donate generously. His performance as auctioneer was exceptional and he managed to keep the audience thoroughly entertained. Andrew's energy and stage presence brought an edge of professionalism to the evening.

***Operation Spider***



Andrew O'Keefe's improvisations skills and interpretation of our organisation's vision and values remains a talking point in meetings and amongst staff on site. He has been instrumental in maintaining one of our core values for the year: 'big smiles' for our customers.

***Eurest Aust***



O'Keefe is affable, intelligent, laid-back, and doesn't duck issues. His schmoozing technique with guests is admirable. The guy's a natural... everyone's saying so.

***The West Australian***



He worked effortlessly with our celebrity guest and made the interview comfortable to observe and engaging for our audience.

***Born Curious***

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Andrew worked the crowd very well and kept the night going. He was incredibly flexible and a joy to work with.

***National Retail Association***



Well, how fantastic was that! I didn't ever think I'd gone out on too finer limb when I recommended you, but you really did exceed my expectations. We were so appreciative of your positive reaction from the time we sat in the ANZ Boardroom. Your focus and general feedback on ideas and concepts was terrific. Your sitcom segment was well written and conducted and your 70s "party suit" was a treat as well! You were dealt a blow when your welcoming piece suffered at the hands of the house PA system, but it is a great credit to you that you were able to regain the audience attention and keep them with you once you could be heard. A tough task indeed. ANZ were thrilled with your performance and so were we. The feedback on both the dinner and you personally has been great.

***ANZ***

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