

John Blackman

Acclaimed Radio & TV Personality

John Blackman is recognised as the 'master of the one-liner.' His voice has been described as 'gentlemanly, sardonic, resonant, glib', and his humour as 'droll, spontaneous, mischievous and laconic – but never offensive'.

As successful in radio as he is in television, John Blackman is also in constant demand as compere/host for conferences, awards nights and many formal and social occasions.

It is his familiarity and excellent rapport with 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.



About John Blackman:

As resident funny man and booth announcer on Australia's longest running weekly variety show *Hey Hey It's Saturday*, John Blackman created Dickie Knee, Australia's best known "head on a stick." Described as cheeky, sexist, tacky, irritating, but above all loveable, Dickie charmed audiences with his unique style of humour.

John Blackman's other television appearances include: *Family Feud*, *Blankety Blanks*, *Paul Hogan Shows*, *Prisoner* and *World Craziest Inventions*. He has starred in television commercials for Toyota, Telecom Mobilenet and Daewoo. A successful author, his publications include *Aussie Slang Dictionary*, *Don't Come The Raw Prawn*, *The Dickie Knee Bumper Comic Book* and *More Aussie Gags*.

John Blackman's extensive career in radio has included programs on Melbourne's 3AK, 3AW (where he won 16 out of 17 surveys), Sydney's 2UE and MMM in Adelaide. From 1987 to 1992 he hosted The Solid Gold Countdown, a three hour syndicated programme distributed throughout Australia to 56 stations and Radio Moscow. John Blackman has, for many years, been in partnership with comedian Shane Bourne, hosting a phone-in joke service on nationwide 0055 network.

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*.

As Committee Member, past Vice-Chairman and long time supporter of the Variety Club of Australia, the world's largest children's charity, John Blackman has compered and participated in countless functions. He has also been the chief convenor of three very successful Variety Masters Celebrity Pro-Ams in association with the Australian Masters Golf Tournament at Huntingdale in 1990, 1991 and 1992.

Client Testimonials



John was a great hit with the crowd. I was most impressed with the research that John put in to find out about us prior to the event.

Chances for Children



With half our management team stuck in Sydney airport, John Blackman effortlessly entertained our staff off the cuff - very impressive!

Telstra



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



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



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

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