

## Karl Stefanovic

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### *Host of the TODAY Show*

Karl Stefanovic is best known as the co-host of *TODAY* with Lisa Wilkinson, a role he has held since 2005. With his easy going, fun loving personality and sense of professionalism, he is a highly popular host of live events.

Karl Stefanovic obtained his degree in Journalism in 1994 and began working for WIN-TV in Rockhampton and Cairns as a cadet reporter.

A year and a half later, he took up a position with Television New Zealand in Auckland as a reporter for *One Network News*, presenting the news as well as other programs.

In 1998, Karl Stefanovic worked as a reporter and presenter for Channel Ten News in Brisbane and then became the fill-in newsreader for Ron Wilson in Sydney. In 2000, he moved to Channel Nine as a reporter and back-up presenter with *National Nine News*. He received a *Queensland Media Award for Best News Coverage* for his report on the Childers backpacker hostel fire.

Karl's exclusive reports on the NSW bushfires from Sussex Inlet in 2002 led to his appointment to Nine's Sydney newsroom. Karl Stefanovic was involved in Nine's coverage of the Canberra bushfires where 400 homes and numerous lives were lost in January 2003. He was also part of the Bali bombing reporting team and went on to cover the arrest and trials of the main suspects as well as the bombing of the Marriott Hotel in Jakarta.

In 2003, he was posted to Los Angeles as one of the Nine Network's US correspondents. Karl travelled extensively while reporting in the United States. His coverage for National Nine news in Australia included the US Presidential election, the Terror Trials in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, three hurricanes, the funerals of Ronald Reagan, Ray Charles and Marlon Brando and the Oscars and the Golden Globes.

After just over a year in Los Angeles the Nine Network asked Karl to return to Australia at the beginning of 2005 to take over as host of *TODAY*.



Since his return to Australia for his role on *TODAY* Karl has covered the Beaconsfield Mining Disaster, the Soccer World Cup in Germany and ANZAC Day celebrations in France as well as the devastating Victorian bushfires of 2009.

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