

Lisa Backhouse

Corporate Executive, Keynote Speaker, MC, Host and Facilitator

Lisa Backhouse is an corporate executive with a high public profile who has worked extensively in media, government and commercial business. Renowned for her professionalism and integrity, she has managed the reputations of businesses through some of Australia's highest profile, and most controversial projects. A highly respected journalist, Lisa has presented the news and hosted programs for ABC, Channel Nine and Network Ten.

Lisa Backhouse is an accomplished keynote speaker, Master of Ceremonies, host and facilitator, who brings a wealth of real world experience, unique insights, and proficiency to her events.

More about Lisa Backhouse:

One of Queensland's most respected television news presenters and journalists, Lisa Backhouse was the female face of the ABC and host of the State's only locally produced current affairs program, Stateline. Renowned for her sharp interviewing style, she also presented for Channel Nine and Network Ten.

Lisa rose to national prominence as an outspoken public figure in the campaign to relocate the ABC's Brisbane studios, following an unprecedented breast cancer cluster; a story documented by the ABC's Australian Story program in 2007.

She went on to achieve success as a corporate executive, charged with managing business reputation across a number of high profile sectors. She had a unique centre stage position as the head of government and public policy for a leading financial services company during the Banking Royal Commission and has managed the public and community interface for some of the country's most contentious resource industry projects.

Following an inspirational battle with breast cancer, Lisa is in high demand as a public speaker. She connects personally with audiences, shining a light on resilience, advocacy, and what it really means to have it all.



A highly experienced master of ceremonies, host and conference facilitator, Lisa has a variety of events to her credit, including the prestigious gala award dinner for the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and the Major Events Conference for the Department of State Development.

Client Testimonials



Ms Backhouse is a delight to work with, totally organised, unflappable and with absolute attention to detail. She is enthusiastic, yet calm, and so well organised that the event proceeded exceptionally well, with great feedback. Ms Backhouse undertook these duties in the most professional manner that I have seen of a compere/MC to date. UDIA (Qld) will most certainly be utilizing her services again.

Urban Development Institute of Australia (Queensland)



Lisa was an absolute delight to deal with, a true professional, and performed her role as MC with such ease. Lisa listened to our requirements and fulfilled them, in doing so she added value to our event and contributed to its success.

Australian Institute of Company Directors



This year we were privileged to have Lisa Backhouse act as the MC. Her charm and professionalism shone through and the audience was able to connect with her on a personal level.

The Wesley Hospital Kim Walters Choices Program



Very knowledgeable, friendly and open. Lisa very ably facilitated the day from guest speakers to panel discussions to question and answer sessions. She was organised and prepared.

Department of Education, Student Services

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