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Journalist, TV Presenter & MC

Steve Cannane is one of the country's finest journalists and television presenters. During his time as an ABC Europe Correspondent based in London, he has covered many of the region's biggest stories, including Brexit, elections in France, Holland and the UK, the push for independence in Catalonia and terrorist attacks in France, the UK and Spain.

Highly recognised, Steve has been awarded a prestigious Walkley Award for Broadcast Interviewing and an Excellence in Drug and Alcohol Media Reporting Award at the National Drug and Alcohol Awards.

An accomplished keynote speaker, MC and facilitator, Steve draws on his experiences working around the world in the media to present fascinating insights about international politics, science, culture and sport.

More about Steve Cannane:

Steve Cannane's history in journalism - in print, radio and on television - is nothing short of impressive.

Prior to being appointed as a European Correspondent, he was a journalist and presenter on ABC TV's weeknight discussion program The Drum, on both ABC News24 and ABC1.

Steve also reported and presented on ABC1's late night news and current affairs program, Lateline. He has appeared on Ten's The 7PM Project and written for The Sydney Morning Herald, The Australian and The Bulletin.

Steve worked as a reporter, producer and presenter for Triple J. In 2004, he was the pop culture commentator on ABC TV's Mondo Thingo with Amanda Keller and was a reporter, producer and presenter for the current affairs program Hack for two and a half years until July 2006.

In 2006, Steve won the Walkley Award for Broadcast Interviewing for his Hack stories on Petrol Sniffing, Pill Testing and the Cost of War. He was commended in the same category in 2005. In 2006, he won the Excellence in Alcohol and Drug Media Reporting Award at the National Drug and Alcohol Awards.
In 2008, Steve Cannane presented The Hack Half Hour on ABC2. In 2009, he presented the award-winning ABC1 documentary series Whatever - The Science of Teenagers. Focusing on the science behind the teenage brain, Whatever! won the international award for best TV series in the 2010 SCINEMA Festival of Science Film Competition. That year, he also published First Tests: Great Australian Cricketers and the Backyards That Made Them, which was chosen in 2010 as one of the ‘50 Books You Can’t Put Down’, part of the Australian Government’s Get Reading! initiative.

In 2016, Steve released his exposé on abuses within Scientology. Fair Game - The Incredible Untold Story of Scientology in Australia, was a book that The Saturday Paper described as a publication “that will drop your jaw on the first page and leave it on the floor until the last”. The book was a finalist in the Walkley Book of the Year Award.

Steve Cannane has also visited the US as the Australian representative on the US Department of State’s Edward R Murrow Program, where emerging leaders in the field of journalism from around the world are invited to examine journalistic practices in the United States.
Client Testimonials

“Steve Cannane has presented as master of ceremonies in functions for the Walkley Foundation for Excellence in Journalism. He was funny, appropriate and, most important, efficient in moving things along.”

*Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance*

“I was impressed by Steve’s professionalism and preparation as he had briefed himself fully on the mission of our organisations and the objectives of the function. He naturally and skillfully wove in our main bullet-points throughout the evening.”

*Life, Love and Health Inc.*

“Despite the many challenges we threw at Steve he handled the task with poise and grace. Whether it was complex names from all parts of the world, a late-starting program or a last-minute briefing, Steve remained completely unflustered and on-top of the game.”

*STARTTS*

“He was one of the best guest speakers we have ever had. He mixed with the club members, he mixed with all ages, he appealed to everyone. His talk was especially applicable for our colts team.”

*Narromine Rugby Club*

“Steve was very well received. He spoke to the audience and had some outsider insights into the library profession which were good to hear. The evaluations of his presentation were overwhelmingly positive. We would be happy to recommend him.”

*NSW Metropolitan Public Libraries Association*