

Peter Wilkins

Multi-Award Winning Sports Broadcaster, Keynote Speaker & MC

Peter 'Wilko' Wilkins is a multi-award winning sports broadcaster who's 37 years at the national broadcaster - ABC - was a roller coaster ride through the Australian sporting landscape.

A definitive all-rounder on Australian sports, Peter is a captivating keynote speaker and MC who entertains with untold stories from Australian and international sports competition, and inspires audiences with key messages about teamwork, endurance, performance and commitment to achieving goals.



More about Pete Wilkins:

During his time with ABC, Wilko hosted two World Cup Football tournaments in the 80's on ABCTV, anchored ABC radio's coverage of Rugby League in the 90's during the turbulent ARL/Super League years and was an integral part of *The Fat* - a top rating sports panel show on ABCTV. *The Fat* was nominated for several Logie Awards and Peter for 'Best New Talent' in 2001.

Wilko won a prestigious Walkley Award in 2008 for the Australian Story *She's Not There*, entirely based on his book *Don't Rock The Boat* - the epic tale of failure on many levels by the 2004 Australian Women's Eight Olympic crew. In 2012, he joined an elite group when he was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Australian Sport's Commission for Services to Sporting Journalism. However he regards, as his career highlight, commentating the Socceroos' historic qualification for Germany in 2006 with his passionate radio call of Australia v Uruguay.

Wilko is the definitive all-rounder in Australian sports media; a commentator and presenter on both radio and TV; a journalist/reporter for ABCTV News and Current Affairs, with many contributions to the 7.30 and Lateline as well as anchoring the sports news segment on the nightly 7pm bulletin for seven years. Over his career predominately at ABC TV and Radio, he commentated innumerable sports including tennis, cricket, rugby league, rugby union, hockey, soccer, golf and archery (Simon Fairweather's gold medal win at Sydney 2000). He commentated and /or reported/presented at two Olympic games, four Paralympics, four World Cups and three Kangaroo rugby league tours of England and France, all for the ABC.

For the last five years of his ABC tenure, Wilko hosted *Grandstand* on ABCTV News 24 and was a regular analyst on Richard Glover's *702 Drive* program. Wilko also penned a sports column for nine years for the *Illawarra Mercury*.



Wilko loves golf, surfing and skiing when 'fitness allows', is married to Susie and shares time between Sydney and the South Coast hinterland where 25 acres of 'paradise' hosts his personally designed nine-hole course. In September 2017, he walked the Kokoda track with his 16-year old daughter Jacqueline and nine other dads and daughters, an experience he describes as "unique, punishing and rewarding".

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