

## Charlie Pickering

### *Award-winning comedian and host of The Weekly*

Charlie Pickering is edgy, polished and inventive. He spent ten years travelling the world as an award-winning stand-up comedian before becoming the host of Channel 10's comedy current affairs program *The Project*, a role he held for five years. In early 2015 he joined ABC TV to host his own brand-new news satire show, *The Weekly*, drawing on his professional background, his passion for politics and his interest in social issues to deliver insightful and witty commentary on current events.



A multi award winning stand up comedian, writer and broadcaster, Charlie is the ideal celebrity guest or MC for any corporate event or awards celebration or gala. His high profile, charm and intelligence will ensure your audience is impressed, entertained and highly engaged.

Charlie kicked off his career in comedy back in 1997 when he performed various sketches for the Melbourne International Comedy Festival. In 2001, he made a name for himself as a host of the *Breakfast Show* on Triple J and a guest panelist on ABC's *The Glass House*. Since then he has performed solo shows at pubs and clubs around the world, appeared in short films, written for newspapers and magazines, and hosted shows for television and radio.

Charlie has performed solo seasons at the Griffin Theatre in Sydney, the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, the Adelaide Fringe Festival (where he was nominated for Best Established Comedy in 2008), the Brisbane Comedy Festival, the New Zealand Comedy Festival and at the Solo Theatre in London.

In 2008 Charlie spent four months hosting *The Mansion*, a fictional news TV Show on The Comedy Channel, then another month hosting the *CashCab* - Foxtel's only gameshow that combines the skills of a Cabbie with the chance to win prizes! He has been a guest and guest host on radio shows including Triple M's *The Shebang* and *Toast*.

As a regular team captain for Generation X on Network Ten's hilarious quiz show *Talkin' 'bout Your Generation*, Charlie was also the voice of his generation. He performed alongside Australia's leaders of comedy, Shaun Micallef, Amanda Keller, and Josh Thomas. In 2010 he won two Logies Awards for the program: Most Outstanding Light Entertainment Program and Most Popular Light Entertainment Program. In the same year, Charlie was nominated for the Logies Award - Most Popular New Male Talent.

Charlie has earned many accolades for his live work over the years, including nominations for the Perrier Best Newcomer Award in Edinburgh and the Barry Award for Most Outstanding Show at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, as well as being named Best International Guest by the NZ Comedy Guild.

Charlie has also performed or provided voice-overs for numerous and varied corporate clients including National Australia Bank, Melbourne City Mission, Metroscreen, FM-TV, Amnesty International, the Law Society of NSW, Rotary, Phillip Morris, Risky Business - Comedy Quest (Mentoring Scheme), Rockhampton City Council, Worldwide Entertainment and Tourism Victoria.

His first book called *Impractical Jokes* is based on his 2007 Comedy Festival show.

Charlie Pickering, political junkie, former lawyer and one of the most exciting names in Australian comedy, has also earned many accolades from corporate and event clients for his hosting and MC skills.

## Client testimonials

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“ Charlie was fantastic on the night. He entertained the audience with a great stand-up routine, and kept the night flowing as he announced each award winner. Charlie was professional and made sure he stuck to our requests about what he could and couldn't say, being a corporate event.

- *Incentive Action*

“ Stuffs more material into an hour than other comics do in two.

- *Herald Sun*

“ Australia's Best

- *The Adelaide Advertiser*

“ You won't be disappointed.

- *The Independent UK*

“ Masterful

- *New Zealand Herald*

“ Dangerously funny

- *Cape Town Argus*

“ Charming company and a natural raconteur.

- *The Scotsman*

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