

# George Negus

## *Speaker, facilitator & celebrated broadcaster*

As a high-profile journalist and broadcaster, George Negus is readily recognised and his commentary highly respected.

Having spent 40 years globe-trotting for television programs including Nine's *60 Minutes*, the ABC's *Foreign Correspondent*, SBS TV's *Dateline* and Ten's *7pm Project*, he has been at the very heart of some of the country's most important and ground-breaking programs.

During 2011 George was the host of the network's 6pm News and Public Affairs program, *6pm with George Negus*, an initiative implemented to provide viewers with in-depth analysis of critical national and international issues. In late 2011, he returned to Network Ten's *The Project* as a panellist.

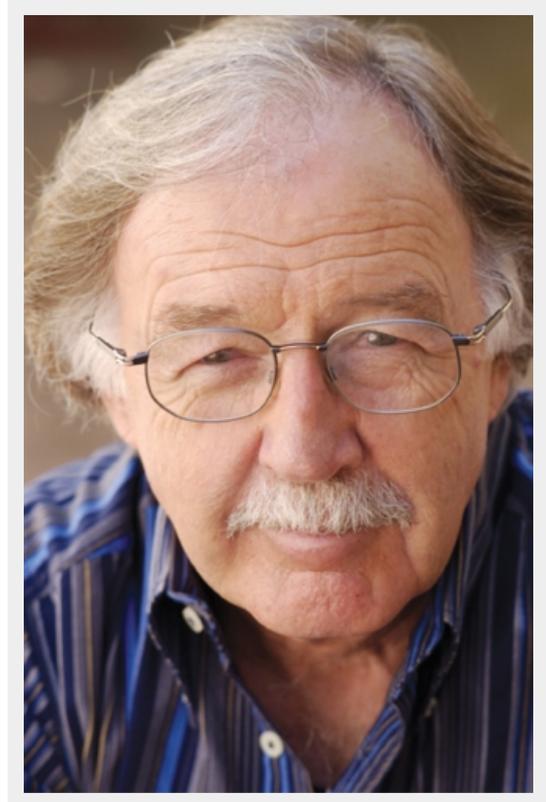
In addition to presenting news and current affairs for television, George Negus is an exceptional facilitator of debates, corporate conferencing and other government and business forums. With his 'wonderful, warm, common touch,' George makes audiences feel at ease and encourages relaxed and open participation in workshops, debates and conferences.

Always a keen ideas-man, George also enjoys community and business consulting.

## **About George Negus:**

George Negus studied arts and pursued a career as a high school teacher before going back to Queensland University to study journalism in his late 20s. He commenced his new profession as a reporter for *The Australian* and *Financial Review* newspapers and also spent a brief spell behind the political scenes in Canberra with then Attorney General Lionel Murphy. This role led to his first political interviews on television for the irreverent and highly regarded ABC program, *This Day Tonight*.

Over many years George Negus has interviewed or profiled people in politics, the arts and sport, amongst them musical geniuses Bob Marley, Enya and Dylan; Hollywood legends Steven Spielberg and Robert Redford; an exclusive with Australia's INXS band after Michael Hutchence's death and his infamous Margaret Thatcher interview. George has interviewed the entire last generation of



Australian Prime Ministers and a myriad of national icons including Cathy Freeman and Paul Hogan. His incisive tracking of the Israeli conflict via several of its leaders and peace-brokers is highly respected.

Like any versatile journalist George has also covered a huge gambit of community issues – addressing the treatment of the intellectually disabled, the scandal of uranium dump sites in outback Aboriginal settlements and the economic fortunes of ‘Down Under’. In the process, he has worked alongside some of the great cameramen and producers of the past twenty years.

Throughout his public career, George’s commitments have extended to various boards and committees including the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal’s Violence Inquiry, the Federal Government’s Environmental Futures Group, the Order of Australia Committee, Soccer Australia, Saggi – the promotion of Italian language and culture and LandCare.

In 2004, George hosted *George Negus Tonight* – the 6.30pm national time slot on ABC Television then in 2005, he was appointed presenter of *Dateline* – the SBS flagship current affairs program.

## Client testimonials

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“ George Negus was excellent. Facilitated discussion very well, challenged us and was also very entertaining.

- **BP Australia**

“ Excellent. George gave an excellent presentation that was both humorous and thought provoking. He tailored his presentation to suit the needs of the audience and as a result was a real ‘hit’ with those who were present.

- **Local Government Association of SA**

“ You will be pleased to hear that evaluations received showed that this year’s Forum was considered to be ‘very entertaining and useful’, ‘thought provoking’, ‘a good overview of current issues facing Local Government’, ‘well thought out and presented in this climate of litigation’ and ‘motivational, good fun and informative’.

- **LGMA**

“ Excellent. George gave a very ‘personal’ presentation specifically tailored to our conference theme.

- **SA Primary Principals Association**



“ George was very, very well received. His speech was quite good, and his attention to our guests throughout the whole night was exceptional.

- *AusIMM - VIC (The Australasian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy)*

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