

Sophie Scott

ABC National Medical Reporter, MC, Keynote Speaker

Sophie Scott is a multi-award winning journalist and the reporter and presenter of medical and health news for ABC news, radio, 730, ABC News Channel and ABC online. Recognised for her ability to clearly communicate complex subject matter, the stories she has developed on patient safety have led to changes in the regulation of cosmetic surgery in Australia. Additionally, her stories have led to increased Government support and resources for patients with eating disorders.

With a passion for educating and empowering people to focus on their health and happiness, Sophie has MC'd, hosted and facilitated panel discussions for many high profile medical events, among them the Mayo Clinic Healthcare and Social Media Summit, the Australian Medical Association Charitable Foundation Gala Dinner, and Black Dog's Suicide Prevention Forum in Canberra. Additionally, she writes a popular blog on health and happiness (www.sophiescott.com.au/blog).



More about Sophie Scott:

Sophie was a television newsreader for *ABC Tasmania* from 1998 to 2000. From 1997 to 1998, she was the Los Angeles reporter for *11AM* (Seven Network Australia), where her role included filing extended television profiles including news, entertainment and current affairs reports.

Previously she was the Washington ABC Television and Radio Producer, producing reports for *ABC News*, *730 Report*, *Lateline*, *Foreign Correspondent* and *Four Corners*. She also filed radio reports for *ABC Radio News* and the *World Today*.

Sophie has also worked as a freelance producer in Washington DC for Fox Morning News, Reuters, TV2 Denmark, ABC, AAP, Discovery Channel and EPSN2. She has produced and presented documentaries for the US cable network and also for national German television.

Sophie has won numerous awards for her work including the 2002 Research grant Australian Medical Writers Association; the 2000 and 2001 Special Award from the Cancer Council (Tasmania), the 2000 MEAA Awards for Excellence in Television Reporting and the 2000 Australian Hearing Society Television Award. In 2004, Sophie won the Australian Museum Eureka



award for medical reporting and, in 2005, she received the Media award at the Research Australia 'Thank You' Day Awards in recognition of her ability to communicate complex information in a way that the general community can easily understand. Her work has also been recognised with the Kennedy Award for excellence in consumer reporting.

She was an executive of the Australian Medical Writers Association and has been appointed to the board of the Australian Medical Association NSW Charitable Foundation. Sophie is an ambassador for Bowel Cancer Australia and Pain Australia.

Sophie is also a best-selling author. *Live a Longer Life* was published by ABC books in 2007 and *Roadtesting Happiness* was published by Harper Collins in 2010.

Client testimonials

“ You spoke extremely clearly, logically and helpfully. It was very well received and we had some great positive feedback. I suspect we should have scheduled two hours rather than one!

- **Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children**

“ Sophie Scott was absolutely brilliant. She obviously put in a lot of time and effort in her research and engaging with us and her professionalism, winning personality and knowledge made our World Mental Health Day the most successful to date. We received terrific feedback about her facilitation and our event would not have been nearly as good without her commitment to mental health and her media skills.

- **Mental Health Council of Australia**

“ Sophie has been MC at the Australian Medical Association (NSW) Charitable Foundation's Black Tie Dinner at NSW Parliament House for the past five years. Our guest speaker has on two occasions been the Australian of the Year. We keep inviting Sophie back because she is a real asset to the event, ensuring with warmth and humour that the evening proceeds smoothly.

- **Australian Medical Association (NSW) Limited**

“ Sophie was a fabulous MC at the Health & Fitness Industry Gala Dinner. Her role was performed seamlessly.

- **Fitness Australia Limited**

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