

Pip Courtney

Host of Landline

The daughter of well known print journalist and editor Michael Courtney, Pip grew up in Tasmania and studied politics and English at University.

On graduating she joined ABC news in Hobart in 1986.

At school Pip tossed up between two careers - wool classing and journalism. With assorted aunts, uncles, grandparents and cousins on the land her interest in agriculture led her to study ag science, but when it came to choosing a career journalism won out.

In 1993 she combined her two interests when she joined *Landline*.

In 2007 Pip and former *Landline* presenter Sally Sara were named Queensland Journalists of the Year for a feature on depression called "Black Dog".

In 2009 Pip won the Queensland Rural Press Club's Excellence in Rural Journalism Award. The prize was a trip to the USA to attend an international agricultural journalism conference.

A blog about her trip called "Saddle Up" was the ABC's most popular online blog for three months.

In 2011 Pip's two-part feature on the coal seam gas industry in Queensland won her the Queensland Media Award's Excellence in Rural Journalism Prize, the Rabobank Star prize for rural broadcasting (Qld), the National Rabobank Star prize and the International Star Prize for Rural Broadcasting.

In 2012 Pip was appointed host of *Landline*. She will continue reporting, with a particular focus on Queensland and Tasmania.

Pip is a professional and natural presenter who has MC'd and hosted numerous Conferences, Dinners and awards ceremonies throughout Australia. With finely tuned journalistic skills of a national TV presenter and the empathetic nature of country person, Pip easily hosts the most demanding events.



Client testimonials

“ As an MC Pip is engaging, enthusiastic and confident. She presents herself in the most professional manner. Pip gets involved in the event she hosts and takes pride in ensuring it's an event worth going to. She listens, provides her own personal feedback and is entertaining. She is approachable and real and a delight to work with.

- Victorian Farmers Federation

“ It was such a pleasure to have Pip, as the official Ambassador and speaker for the 2013 Rural Lifestyle Expo. Pip was extremely charming and thorough in the way she conducted herself and mixed and spoke with many people, much to their delight. As the official speaker during the event, the enormous crowd were all very interested in hearing about her life and as a journalist with the ABC. Our committee would love to have her as an Ambassador again, in the future.

- Rural Lifestyle Expo

“ In our role as event managers for Australian Lot Feeders' Association, EPP extended an invitation to Pip Courtney to MC our event BeefWorks, held at Kerwee Feedlot west of Toowoomba in October 2013. This proved a great move on several fronts! We wanted that great combination of a person with profile, humility and care – and also with connection to the land and to the industry. This wasn't any old conference – this was a conference for 400 people in a shed, on a feedlot. And, Pip delivered all that in spades. She turned up in her signature akubra hat and pink shirt and simply integrated herself into our crowd of 400 lot feeders. Everyone loved Pip – and just about everyone got to meet her. And, to have that familiar face and voice on the microphone was super. An added bonus was the additional publicity the move provided. Pip is simply a lovely person who has the people of the land at heart. This was very evident in all she did for us.

- Esther Price Promotions

“ A speaker who can inform, entertain and mobilise their audience to action is priceless, and Pip Courtney does this. Her message is grounded in evidence and experience, yet is conveyed from the heart, speaking to all in the room. Having Pip Courtney speak or MC your event will add value, and ensure delegates not only remember the event, but continue to speak of it in the months that follow.

- Qld Rural, Regional & Remote Women's Network

“ Pip was excellent. A natural talent who thoroughly understands her audience and is not afraid to say some home truths in an entertaining and warm way that the wins over the crowd. Her presence at the show grounds was noted and appreciated by large numbers of farmers (she even had a group of teenage sheep breeders star struck and asking for her card). She is a pleasure to spend time with and we highly recommend her to any event organisers.

- Australian Sheep Breeders Association

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