

Andrew Costello

Awarded TV & Radio Presenter, SA Local Hero, MC & Host

Andrew 'Cosi' Costello is an awarded television and radio journalist and presenter who made a name for himself on both 107.1 SAFM and 104.7 Triple M. As host of the long-standing television travel show, South Aussie with Cosi, he is a massive promoter of all the wonders that South Australia has to offer.

Always entertaining and informative Cosi is a significant voice in his home state, thanks to his high profile on television and his access to over 300,000 Facebook friends. The founder of the charity Cows for Cambodia, and a champion for community groups who may be less fortunate, in 2018 he was named the 'South Australian Local Hero' and as such, became a finalist for the Australian of The Year Awards.

Cosi is also high profile MC and host, whose larrikin style is complemented by a warm heart and true professionalism.

More about Andrew 'Cosi' Costello:

Cosi grew up on the Yorke Peninsula in South Australia and studied Agriculture at Roseworthy College. A country lad, after winning a radio competition on a local radio station and winning the hearts of the state, he quickly became a household name and developed his career in the media.

In 2005 Cosi was awarded SA Journalist of the Year and over the years he has also won a swag of radio awards including an Australian Commercial Radio Award for "Best Radio Feature" which highlighted the plight of people experiencing homelessness.

Cosi earned his reputation as a radio broadcaster on 107.1 SAFM and 104.7 Triple M hosting Breakfast Shows with the likes of John Blackman, Jane Reilly and Amber Petty, before moving to head up his own long-running television show South Aussie with Cosi on Channel 9. South Aussie with Cosi is SA's only true travel show and it reaches up to 100,000 viewers each week. Cosi's main objective for the show is not only to promote SA, but to encourage others to get passionate about living in one of the best places in the world and travel as much as they can with their families.

Cosi is always entertaining and informative when it comes to his interaction with his loyal fans on



social media. He also regularly gives up his time for those doing it a bit tough, by championing community groups who may be less fortunate. He has hosted events such as a camping trips for single mums and their kids, a birthday party at the Adelaide Zoo for 100 children who'd missed out on celebrations through social isolation or illness and a movie screening for families who have a child with disability.

Offshore, Cosi's also busy man. He is the founder of a national charity called Cows for Cambodia. In 2013, after a holiday with friends and seeing for himself such extreme poverty, Cows for Cambodia was born. Through his fans and supporters, he not only raises money, but he also takes 6-7 tour groups over to Cambodia each year to work on the project. The charity is basically a "Cow Bank," loaning pregnant cows to very poor Cambodian families. Once the cow has its baby, the family have a calf of their own to breed from, thus breaking the poverty cycle. His personal aim is to have 1,000 cows by 2020 helping thousands of Cambodians. The charity now raises over a quarter of a million dollars each year and has seen the completion of a western cattle complex, built 40 min out of Siem Reap. The charity owned cattle are now housed in these first world cattle facilities - the first of its kind in the whole country.

In 2018, Cosi was extremely proud to be nominated and then go on to win the "South Australian Local Hero Award." This also meant he was a finalist for the "Australian of The Year" where he travelled to Canberra for the awards and was honoured for his achievements in charity and tourism by Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull.

Cosi is also a dedicated family man, and loves his beautiful wife Sam and their three children who provide him with endless amounts of entertainment, on and off air.

Cosi is the perfect fit for any business looking for a high profile MC or host. His online expertise and huge following have been used by many companies to strengthen their branding with incredible results. The passion that Cosi has for life is infectious to all those he is around.

Client testimonials

“ Cosi perfectly performed his MC role. He went with the flow and did a great job in revving the audience up prior to the author talk. We'll certainly consider using Cosi again.

- *Mount Barker Community Library*

“ I would like to pass on a huge "Thank you" from CPA Australia for your excellent presentation last night. You went well over and above what we usually expect from a speaker - making an effort to mingle with the crowd and making a point of saying goodbye to each person at the end of the night. You are a true professional! After last night's session, I feel that we are in a great position to make a success of it (a regular event) here in Adelaide - and a lot of the credit goes to you! The feedback I have received from the members this morning has been fantastic.



- CPA Australia Ltd

“ Very professional, got the crowd pumping, excellent MC! He did everything he was asked and had a great rapport with the crowd. Overall, very happy - Cosi would be a definite consideration for 2006.

- Encounter Youth

“ His energy and passion really hit the mark for attendees.

- People's Choice Credit Union

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