

## Kerry O’Keeffe

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### *Wit & wisdom according to The Skull*

Kerry O’Keeffe’s wit, wisdom, larger than life personality and penchant for sport have made him one of Australia’s favourite sporting personalities.

As a speaker, Kerry is entertaining and motivational. From tales of hilarious sporting yarns, through to passionate addresses on being the best you can be, his unique blend of humour and inspiration delights audiences and delivers a strong message.

A regular on the former ABC TV program *The Fat*, Kerry’s humour, knowledge and interest in all things sport made him a favourite with audiences and fellow panelists.

As a cricketer, Kerry played 24 Test matches, 146 First Class Matches and 80 Matches for NSW. His professional career spanned from 1968 to 1981 and included tours to England, New Zealand and the West Indies.

Kerry O’Keeffe’s interest in sport has never waned. He is renowned for his hilarious commentating on ABC Grandstand and as a specialist tutor to aspiring young leg spinners at the AIS Cricket Academy in Adelaide and the young NSW Emerging Blues. He understands all facets of the game and its administration, from performance at the elite level, to its grassroots operations. Kerry’s passion for cricket has been spelled out in his ABC publication, *According to Skull*, and two audio productions, *Unplugged* and *Unstitched*.

The inevitable highs and lows throughout his sporting and personal life have given Kerry O’Keeffe a special understanding of being human. His failure to adapt to the setbacks and adversity of his initial cricket after-life forged a strong character with valuable insights into the impact of the sporting spotlight that he shares generously and eloquently with others. He has a firm belief in the value of honest communication and mentoring in the work place and on the sporting field.

Kerry O’Keeffe’s vast knowledge forms the basis of an anecdote-spiced presentation sure to have you laughing your socks off one minute and searching within the next. The man with the most distinctive laugh in the electronic media is both entertaining and provocative.



## Client testimonials

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“ What a perfect combination as MC and Co-Host of our 2009 Northern Territory Sports Awards. The audience was bedazzled! Thank you, thank you thank you...

- ***Northern Territory Major Events Company***

“ Kerry provides a mix of astute insight into international sport with light relief. His giggle is hilarious.

- ***Mazda***

“ A very big WOW, our delegates didn't want him to go!

- ***Transport Workers Union***

“ WOW - fantastic down-to-earth speaker. Kerry had the audience in stitches with his anecdotes. Refreshing to have a celebrity point the finger at himself, laugh and share his cricketing experiences with others.

- ***The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy***

“ When various people in the audience saw Kerry, they were very pleased and were keen to hear him speak. Kerry was very good, very entertaining.

- ***Ausco Building Systems***

“ Excellent, Kerry hit the mark perfectly! He had to wait until the end of the evening in a very full program and he handled the situation, crowd and the function to perfection.

- ***Old Brighton Grammarians' Society Inc***

“ Kerry was fantastic, absolutely perfect for the night we had. Feedback since the night has all been superb. Very funny and entertaining.

- ***Strathfieldsaye Cricket Club***

“ The audience of approx. 190 people were in tears the whole time. He was fantastic. I received very positive feedback from many people that night and the following day. Perfect person for the event.

- ***BIS Industries Limited***

“ Kerry was received by our audience extremely well. Many were genuinely excited that he was there and enjoyed having the chance to chat to him during the evening. Kerry had no problem in having the full attention of everyone in the room, and with his unique and classic timing, had everyone in stitches most of the time. Kerry managed the MC roll very well, and was very professional in his attention to detail both to timing of the evenings events and background knowledge of the recipients, the awards and the presenters. Our committee feels that his presence certainly made our event more attractive to our membership

**- Macquarie Cotton Growers Association**

“ Kerry was brilliant! So many people gave feedback that he was a great speaker and the laughter heard by the audience was proof that he was very entertaining.

**- Australian Hotels Association (NT Branch)**

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