

Charlie Pickering

Stand Up Comedian / Writer / Broadcaster / Presenter

Edgy, polished and inventive, **Charlie Pickering** is a political junkie and law graduate who chose to pay his HECS debt by squandering his degree.

Charlie spent ten years travelling the world as an award-winning comic before settling into the closest thing he had to a day job. As a stand-up comedian, Charlie has scored nominations for *Best Newcomer* in Edinburgh and the *Melbourne Comedy Festival Award*, as well scoring an invite to perform at the prestigious *Just for Laughs Festival* in Montreal. He's entertained the troops in Afghanistan, hosted national radio shows and published the best-selling memoir *Impractical Jokes* before landing on TV as a Team Captain for four series of *Talkin' 'Bout Your Generation* in 2009.

Subsequently a founding host on *The Project* for 5 years, Charlie was at the centre of one of Australian television's most daring experiments, re-defining the way that hundreds of thousands of Australians see the news. In 2015 he changed things up again, and premiered *The Weekly with Charlie Pickering* on ABC TV, under the aegis of his production company Thinkative Television.

If a weekly dose of Charlie wasn't quite enough, he's also had the monumental task of wrapping up the year that was with *The Yearly with Charlie Pickering* since 2015, and bringing in the New Year for the ABC since 2017.

In 2018, Charlie launched an exciting new series from Thinkative for the ABC – *Tomorrow Tonight*. In each episode he introduced Annabel Crabb and a panel of experts and comedians to a story that would have us all glued to the news, if *it had happened yet*. In a similarly speculative style, he also debuted an Audible commission - *The Time Traveller's Guide to Not Dying* – in which Charlie voices the audio instruction manual for intrepid correspondents from the year 2041 as they visit key historical moments.

In 2022 Charlie tested his ability to bend the truth while keeping a straight face – initially a panellist in the premiere episode of *Would I Lie to You? Australia* on Network Ten, Charlie has subsequently been added to the series as a Team Captain for Season 2.

Proving to be a household name in Australian television, in 2023 *The Weekly with Charlie Pickering* aired its ninth season on ABC.

“Charming company and a natural raconteur ★★★★★” The Scotsman

“You won't be disappointed ★★★★★” The Independent UK

“Dangerously funny” Cape Town Argus

“Masterful ★★★★★” New Zealand Herald

“Stuffs more material into an hour than other comics do in two” Herald Sun

“Australia's Best ★★★★★” The Adelaide Advertiser

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Live Shows

- 2019 **Us & Them – Solo Show**
Adelaide Fringe Festival, Canberra Comedy Festival
- 2018 **59 Consecutive Minutes – Solo Show**
Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 2017 **Charlie Pickering – Solo Show**
Ten Days On The Island – Hobart, Midlandia Festival - Perth.
- 2016 **How To Tame A Wild Squirrel – Solo Show**
Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Ten Days On The Island - Hobart, Sydney Opera House
- 2014 **Charlie Pickering – Solo Show**
Canberra Comedy Festival, Adelaide Fringe Festival.
- 2013 **The World's Problems Solved by Charlie Pickering and Waleed Aly**
Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 2012 **One Giant Leap – Solo Show**
Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Sydney Comedy Store
- 2012 **Charlie Pickering Live – Solo Show**
Perth International Comedy Festival
- 2012 **Rodeo, Burqa, Circumcision – Solo Show**
Brisbane Comedy Festival
- 2011 **Rodeo, Burqa, Circumcision – Solo Show**
Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 2010 **A Beginners Guide – Solo Show**
Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Adelaide Fringe Festival
- 2009 **Impractical Jokes – Solo Show**
New Zealand Comedy Festival
- 2009 **The Audacity Of Frank – Solo Show**
Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 2009 **Charlie Pickering – Solo Show**
Brisbane Comedy Festival
- 2009 **Charlie Pickering – Solo Show**
Adelaide Fringe Festival, Brisbane Comedy Festival
- 2008 **Thirteen Ducks – Solo Show**
Adelaide Fringe Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 2008 **Impractical Jokes – Solo Show**
Griffin Theatre, Sydney
- 2007 **Impractical Jokes – Solo Show**
Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Brisbane Powerhouse, Hothouse Comedy Festival
- 2007 **Auto – Solo Show**
Castlemaine State Festival, Canberra Street Theatre
- 2007 **Charlie Pickering Live – Solo Show**
Adelaide Fringe Festival
- 2006 **Auto – Solo Show**
Melbourne International Comedy Festival (Barry Award Nominee), NZ International Comedy Festival, Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Soho Theatre - London
- 2005 **Betterman - Solo Show**
Melbourne International Comedy Festival, NZ International Comedy Festival - Auckland & Wellington (Winner Best International Guest – NZ

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- Comedy Guild Awards), Edinburgh Fringe (Perrier Best Newcomer Nominee) Adelaide Fringe Festival 2006, Cracker Comedy Festival Sydney 2006
- 2005 **Charlie Pickering – Solo Show**
Adelaide Comedy Festival
- 2004 **Revolver - Solo Show**
Melbourne International Comedy Festival, NZ International Comedy Festival (Nominated for Best International Show), Cracker Comedy Festival Sydney 2005
- 2004 **Charlie Pickering Live! - Solo Show**
Adelaide Fringe
- 2004 **Slick - Solo Show**
Hobart Comedy Festival
- 2003 **Boiling Point 2 – with Michael Chamberlin**
Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 2003 **Equal Third – with Terri Psiakis & Michael Chamberlin**
Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 2002 **Boiling Point – with Michael Chamberlin**
Adelaide Fringe, Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 1997 – 2001 Various Melbourne International Comedy Festival shows with sketch comedy group 'Enter The Datsun'

Television

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|---------|----------------|---|
| 2015-23 | ABC TV | <i>The Weekly with Charlie Pickering</i> (Writer, Executive Producer, Host) |
| 2023 | Network Ten | <i>Would I Lie To You? Australia</i> (Team Captain) |
| 2022 | ABC TV | <i>ABC Countdown Live NYE 2022</i> (Host) |
| 2022 | Network Ten | <i>Would I Lie To You? Australia</i> (Guest) |
| 2018-22 | ABC TV | <i>Tomorrow Tonight</i> (Writer, Host, Exec Producer) |
| 2015-22 | ABC TV | <i>The Yearly with Charlie Pickering</i> (Writer, Executive Producer, Host) |
| 2019 | Network Ten | <i>Celebrity Name Game</i> (Guest contestant) |
| 2019 | Network Ten | <i>Show Me The Movie</i> (Guest contestant) |
| 2018 | ABC TV | <i>Tomorrow Tonight</i> (Writer, Host, Exec Producer) |
| 2018 | ABC TV | <i>Melbourne International Comedy Festival Opening Night Gala</i> (Comedy Spot) |
| 2018 | Network Ten | <i>Hughesy We Have A Problem</i> (Guest panellist) |
| 2017 | ABC TV | <i>ABC Countdown Live NYE 2018</i> (Host) |
| 2017 | ABC TV | <i>ABC Countdown Live NYE 2017</i> (Host) |
| 2016 | Comedy Channel | <i>Just For Laughs Stand Up Series</i> (Comedy Spot) |
| 2016 | ABC TV | <i>Planet America</i> (Guest Co-Host) |
| 2014 | ABC TV | Q & A (Guest) |
| 2011-14 | Network Ten | <i>The Project</i> (Co-Host) |
| 2013 | Network Ten | <i>The Election Project</i> (Co-Host) |
| 2013 | Network Ten | <i>A League Of Their Own</i> (Guest) |
| 2013 | Network Ten | <i>This Week Live</i> (Guest) |
| 2013 | Network Ten | <i>Formula 1 Grand Prix coverage – Qantas Lounge Host with Carrie Bickmore.</i> |
| 2012 | Disney Channel | <i>Take Two with Phineas and Ferb</i> (Guest) |
| 2012 | ABC TV | Q & A (Guest) |

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2012	Network Ten	<i>The Circle</i> (Regular Guest)
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2009-11	Network Ten	<i>The 7PM Project</i> (Co-Host)
2009-11	Network Ten	<i>Talkin' 'bout Your Generation</i> (Team Captain)
2010-11	Network Ten	<i>The Circle</i> (Regular Guest)
2010	TV3	@SEVEN (Correspondent)
2010	Network Ten	<i>Ready Steady Cook</i> (Contestant)
2009	Network Ten	<i>The Shaun Micallef New Years Eve Rave</i> (Guest)
2009	Network Ten	<i>Rove</i> (Guest Segment Presenter)
2008	Channel [V]	<i>CashCab</i> (Host)
2008	Comedy Channel	<i>The Mansion</i> (Creator & Presenter)
2008	Network Ten	<i>Melbourne Comedy Festival Gala</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2007	Network Ten	<i>Rove</i> (Stand up Appearance)
2007	ABC TV	<i>The SideShow</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2007	Comedy Channel	<i>Stand Up! Australia</i> (StandUp Appearance)
2007	Comedy Channel	<i>The Mansion: Australia Day Special</i> (Creator & Presenter)
2007	Comedy Channel	<i>Stand Up! Australia</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2006	Comedy Channel	<i>Stand Up! Australia</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2006	Paramount UK	The Comedy Store (Stand Up Appearance)
2006	Network Ten	<i>Rove [Live]</i> (Live cross from Edinburgh)
2006	Network Ten	<i>Rove [Live]</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2006	Network Ten	<i>Melbourne Comedy Festival Gala</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2006	Comedy Channel	<i>Cam & Charlie's Melbourne Comedy Experience</i> (Presenter)
2006	Comedy Channel	<i>Thank Comedy It's Friday</i> (Presenter)
2005	Network Ten	<i>Rove [Live]</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2005	Comedy Channel	<i>Short Film Festival How to Guide</i> (Presenter)
2005	TV3-NZ	<i>Sports Tonight</i> (Guest Panellist)
2004	Nine Network	<i>Today</i> (Weekly Comedy Segment)
2004	Network Ten	<i>Rove [Live]</i> (Guest Spot)
2004	ABC-TV	<i>Stand Up!</i> (Regular Writer/Performer)
2004	Phat Planet Films	<i>Mashed!</i> - Pilot (Comedy Writer/Performer)
2004	TV2-NZ	<i>NZ Comedy Festival Gala</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
2004	ABC Broadband	<i>Comedy Kitchen</i> (Guest Writer/Presenter)
2001 & 2002	ABC TV	<i>The Glass House</i> (Guest Panellist)

Radio

2023	ABC	Melbourne Friday Breakfast (Host)
2018-21	Triple M	<i>Kennedy Molloy</i> – National Drive (Regular Guest)

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2016	Gold FM	Election Chats with <i>Jo & Lehmo</i>
2011	Nova National	Run up to Election 2016 - Breakfast Breakfast – Two Weeks (Co-Host)
2010	Fox FM (National)	<i>The FiFi Box Show</i> (Regular Guest Co-Host)
2009	Triple M	Weekend Breakfast show <i>Toast</i> (with Terri Psiakis and Justin Hamilton)
2008	Triple M	2 weeks Drive Show fill in, <i>Toast</i> (with Terri Psiakis & Justin Hamilton)
2008	Triple M	<i>The Shebang</i> (regular guest co-host)
2008	Triple M	Weekend Breakfast Show <i>Toast</i> (with Terri Psiakis & Justin Hamilton)
2007	Triple M	Saturday Morning Show <i>Toast</i> (with Terri Psiakis & Justin Hamilton)
2006-7	The Edge 96.One	<i>Breakfast</i> (Regular guest co-host)
2006	BBC 2	Fighting Talk – Guest Panellist
2006	BBC Scotland	The Fred McCauley Show Live from the Speigel Tent
2006	Forth Edinburgh	Co-Host Edinburgh Wrap Special
2005	Today Network	<i>Pete's Show</i> – Guest Host with Peter Helliard
2004 & 2005	Radio NZ	<i>Off the Wire</i> (Guest Panellist)
2002 & 2003	Triple J	<i>Drive</i> (Co-host)
2001/02	Triple J	<i>Triple J Weekends</i> (Host)
2001	Triple J	<i>Breakfast</i> (Weekly Spot)

Recordings

2011	Madman Entertainment	<i>Live At The Time of The Recording</i> (Stand-up DVD)
2011	<i>Impractical Jokes</i>	(Audio Book)

Writing

2015 - 16	GQ Australia	Columnist
2013	The Age	Regular Contributor
2010	Allen & Unwin	<i>Impractical Jokes</i> –Book- (Author)
2010	Bigpond News Online	Twice weekly blog on the Australian Election
2009 – 2010	News Limited	Sunday Magazine (Fortnightly Column)
2007- 2009	Network Ten	<i>Rove</i> (Contributing Writer)
2007	Roving Enterprises	<i>rovedaily.com.au</i> (Weekly Contributor)
2006	HA Magazine	Guest Columnist
2005 – 2009	Metropolis Media	<i>City Weekly</i> (Weekly Column)
2005	Herald Sun	Sunday Life Magazine (Guest Columnist)
2005	The Scotsman	Guest Columnist
2005	The Age	'How to...tell a joke' (Guest Columnist)
2005	FHM	<i>The Mass Debate</i> (Column Contributor)
2004	Network Ten	<i>Skithouse</i> (Contributing Writer)
2004	ABC TV	<i>Stand Up!</i> (Writer)

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Short Film

2007	Launch Pictures	<i>Top 5 Ways to have Fun at Work</i> (Lead) Directed by Steve Baker
2004	Curvaceous Films	<i>Two Minutes to Midnight</i> (Vince) Directed by Charlotte George

Corporate & Voice Over

Various clients including Activision, National Australia Bank, Peters & Browne, Mary White College, Melbourne City Mission, Metroscreen, FM-TV, Tucker Seabrook, Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI), Amnesty International, the Law Society of NSW, Rotary, Phillip Morris, Risky Business – Comedy Quest (Mentoring Scheme), Rockhampton City Council, Worldwide Entertainment, Scotch College & Tourism Victoria

Awards

- 2022 12th AACTA Awards – Nominee – AACTA Award for Best Comedy Performer
- 2018 8th AACTA Awards – Winner – Best Entertainment Program
- 2017 TV Week Logie Awards – Nominee - Most Outstanding Entertainment Program – The Weekly with Charlie Pickering
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- 2016 49th Australian Writers Guild Awards – Winner – Comedy, Sketch or Light Entertainment – The Weekly with Charlie Pickering, ‘Halal Certification’ and ‘Stadium Naming Rights’ segments
- 2016 16th Screen Producers Australia Awards – Finalist – Light Entertainment Series Production – The Weekly with Charlie Pickering, Guesswork Television
- 2015 5th AACTA Awards – Winner – Best Light Entertainment Television Series: The Weekly with Charlie Pickering
- 2015 Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Awards – Winner – Media Award: The Weekly with Charlie Pickering, story on budget cuts to the Australian Aid Program.
- 2013 TV Tonight Awards, Winner – Best Light Entertainment: The Project
- 2013 TV Week Logies Awards, Nominee – Most Popular Light Entertainment Program – The Project
- 2011 GQ Men of the Year Awards, Media Personality of the Year - Winner
- 2010 TV Week Logies Awards – Winner - Most Popular Light Entertainment Program, Talkin’ ‘bout your Generation
- 2010 TV Week Logies Awards – Winner - Most Outstanding Light Entertainment Program, Talkin’ ‘bout your Generation
- 2010 TV Week Logies Awards, Nominee – Most Popular New Male Talent
- 2007 Best Established Comedy Nominee – Adelaide Fringe Festival
- 2006 Melbourne Comedy Festival Award Nominee – Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 2005 Perrier Best Newcomer Nominee – Edinburgh Fringe
Best International Guest – NZ Comedy Guild Awards
- 2004 Nominated for ‘Best International Show’ for *Revolver* at the NZ International Comedy Festival
- 2002 Winner of the ‘Piece of Wood Award’ (an award chosen by fellow comedians) with Michael Chamberlin at the Melbourne Comedy Festival for *Boiling Point*
- 2002 Winner of the Maurie Awards New Comic of the Year



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