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MERRICK WATTS

Comedian/Presenter/Broadcaster

Merrick first came to Australia's attention as one half of *Merrick and Rosso*, as part of the Triple J Drive show with Tim Ross. In 2000 they were the first voices on the NOVA network, launching a new radio brand and coming first in Australia's toughest radio market – Sydney Breakfast.

Merrick and Rosso built a cult fan base with sold out live shows across Australia and TV series' on Ten, Nine and the Comedy Channel.

Over the last few years Merrick has branched out from the double act, demonstrating his versatility as both an actor and comedian. Most notably, Merrick showed his acting chops with roles in *Underbelly – The Tale of Two Cities*, and Working Dog's Logie Award winning comedy/drama satire, *The Hollowmen* on ABC TV.

After more than 10 years broadcasting his award winning breakfast radio show on Nova 969, Merrick made the switch to Drive with Triple M hosting the very successful *Merrick Watts and the Highway Patrol*, which broadcast nationally in 2012 and 2013.

Amongst all this, there have been numerous guest appearances in shows for all the major networks, including *Thank God You Are Here*, *Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader*, *The Spearman Experiment*, *Thanks for Listening – The History of Radio*, *Rove Live*, *Burke's Backyard*, *All Saints*, *Harry's Practice*, and *Bert's Family Feud*. And more recently, *Backseat Drivers*, *The Unbelievable Truth*, *Mr and Mrs Murder* and *Have You Been Paying Attention*.

In 2013, Merrick became a regular face again on our TV Screens, as host of the ABC comedy quiz show *Tractor Monkeys*. Merrick, alongside his team captains Dave O'Neil and Katie 'Monty' Diamond battled through quick fire rounds of questions and games inspired by ABC TV's eclectic archive vault. The first series aired in March 2013 and the second series from September 2013.

2015 saw Merrick return to his beloved Triple M after a year hosting Sydney Breakfast for 2day FM, with a national Drive radio show; Merrick and Australia. Merrick's goal is to create funny, compelling, sincere radio that is in touch with the country's heartbeat. Drawing on his industry friends and loyal listeners, this is a drive show that reflects the best of Australia. There are 23 million people in this country and Merrick wants to hear every single one of their stories.

Television

2016	ABC TV	Silvia's Kitchen Table (Guest)
2015-16	Nine Network	The Today Show (regular guest)
2014	ABC TV	<i>Back Seat Drivers</i>
2014	ABC TV	<i>Have You Been Paying Attention?</i>

2013	ABC TV	<i>Tractor Monkeys Series 1 and 2 (Host)</i>
2012	ABC TV	<i>Mr and Mrs Murder (Guest role)</i>
2012	Channel Seven	<i>The Unbelievable Truths</i>
2011	Southern Star	<i>Between The Lines</i>
2009	Nine Network	<i>Underbelly: The Tale of Two Cities (Mr Asia)</i>
2008-2009	Comedy Channel	<i>The Merrick & Rosso Show - Series 1 & 2.</i>
2008	ABC TV	<i>The Hollowmen (Nick)</i>
2005	Ten Network	<i>The B Team.</i>
2003-2004	Nine Network	<i>Merrick & Rosso Unplanned - Series 1, 2 & 3.</i>
2003-2004	Nine Network.	<i>World Comedy Tour Unplanned (Dual Host)</i>
2000-2001	ABC TV	<i>The Fat (Regular Panellist).</i>
2000	Comedy Channel.	<i>Super Planet Merrick & Rosso</i>
1999	Comedy Channel.	<i>Planet Merrick & Rosso.</i>
1998	ABC TV	<i>Raw Comedy National Final (Dual Host).</i>

Radio

2015-16	Triple M – National Drive	Merrick and Australia
2014	2Day FM Breakfast	Jules, Merrick and Sophie
2012 – 2013	Triple M – National Drive	Merrick and the Highway Patrol
2010 – 2011	Nova 969 Breakfast	Merrick, Dools and Ricki Lee
2008 – 2009	Nova 969 Breakfast	Merrick, Rosso and Kate Ritchie
2001 – 2008	Nova 969 Breakfast	Merrick and Rosso
1998 – 2000	Triple J Drive	Merrick and Rosso

Recent Live Work

2016	Adelaide Fringe Comedy Gala presented by A List and Triple M - charity galas (MC)
2014	Sydney Comedy Festival The Secret Show (MC)
2014	Sydney Comedy Festival Preview Night (MC)
2013	Telstra Live New Year's Eve YouTube Broadcast (Host)

CORPORATE

Merrick is well recognised as a leading performer in comedy and entertainment, and has a wealth of experience in MCing corporate events, awards nights, product launches, company Christmas parties etc. He can entertain your audience as auctioneer and even get results! To describe him as "multi-talented" is a gross understatement (at least that's what he reckons!). He has the incredible ability to perform in any arena, big or small,



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and can cater his material for all audiences, including building a multi-media PowerPoint presentation chocked full of jokes, customised to suit your occasion!

Based in Sydney but willing to travel, Merrick is perfect for those gigs that Vince Sorrenti said no to, or Richard Wilkins was too expensive for. He's also capable of not swearing at absolutely no additional cost!

AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

2016 ACRA Awards – Winner, Best Documentary, Modern Warrior, Triple M Network

2009 ACRA Awards – Winner, Best Station Produced Comedy Segment

2009 ASTRA Awards – Winner, Most Popular Male Talent – Merrick & Rosso

2005 TV Week Logies – Merrick and Rosso Unplanned – Nominated, Most popular Light Entertainment Program

2004 ACRA Awards – Winner, Best on Air Team

2003 ACRA Awards – Winner, Best on Air Team (Metro)

2003 ARIA Awards – Winner, Best Comedy Album – From Us to Youse

2003 GQ Man of the Year Award – Comedians of the Year – Merrick & Rosso

1999 ARIA Awards – Teenage Mullet Fury – Nominated, Best Comedy Album Award

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