



Ben Fordham

Walkley award-winning journalist who spreads his talents between the Nine Network and hosting his award-winning radio show SYDNEY LIVE on 2GB.

Ben Fordham is often asked what his preferred media medium is – radio or television?

The truth is he finds both equally challenging and enjoyable.

At Sydney's No. 1 rating radio station, 2GB, Ben, since 2011, has hosted Sydney Live in the 3pm-6pm shift, a program that consistently tops the ratings.

His talents have been recognised at the Australian Commercial Radio Awards, being voted best metropolitan talk presenter (2014-2015-2016) and best metropolitan current affairs presenter (2017).

After launching his media career at Sydney's Radio 2UE and Sky News Australia, Ben joined the Nine Network in 1999 and, after lengthy stints with A Current Affair and the Today Show, his television talents these days spread across a number of Nine's news, current affairs and entertainment programs, including co-host of the 2017 ratings blockbuster Ninja Warrior.

Ben's coming-of-age in journalism arrived before he celebrated his 21st birthday. Then a 2UE political correspondent in the Parliament House Press Gallery in Canberra, Ben won a Walkley Award – Australia's top award in journalism – for his coverage of the Thredbo landslide tragedy and a Raward – the top accolade in the Australian radio industry – for excellence in journalism. He became the youngest reporter in history to win a Walkley-Raward double and was honoured on Australia Day with a Young Citizen of the Year award.

Thanks to his job, Ben has built close contacts with some inspiring people who've dedicated their lives to helping others.

Away from his media engagements, Ben volunteers for several charities in the areas of fundraising, lobbying, strategy and as a Master of Ceremonies.

Ben is married to Seven Network journalist Jodie Speers and they have a son Freddy and daughter Pearl.

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It is a pleasure to have Ben involved with the Sony Foundation. In August 2006, Ben acted as MC for our All Stars lunch, where his relaxed style and thorough preparation were a key ingredient in the success of the event. Ben was also instrumental in reporting on the Sony Foundation on A Current Affair in December 2006.

The segment generated enormous public awareness which greatly assisted in the further expansion of the programme. More recently, Ben has provided highly-valued advice and guidance in the development of a strategy to engage mainstream media support for the Sony Foundation. In light of Ben's hectic schedule as a journalist we greatly appreciate his energy, drive and willingness to support our Foundation. His proactive and dynamic approach is something that all involved with the Foundation admire.

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