

## **Michael Roberts, MC, Biography**

Michael Roberts is an experienced and versatile master of ceremonies who can host a range of events. From corporate and sporting events to charity auction nights, his background knowledge and mojo is guaranteed to entertain.

He hosts executive functions for Carlton United Breweries, AFL, F1 Grand Prix, International Cricket, and the Spring Racing Carnival.

Michael's career has spanned over 20 years in the TV and radio game.

Before he grabbed the microphone, Roberts played Australian Rules Football (AFL) at the highest level, representing three clubs over a decade in a distinguished career. From 1978-87, he played for St Kilda, Richmond and Fitzroy.

Michael, the son of Brownlow medallist and St Kilda legend Neil Roberts, also represented Victoria against Western Australia in State of Origin 1981.

Before Michael took on the MC role, he was comfortably juggling several professions. Away from the game, he was working as a full-time model, including six years on the popular *Sale of the Century*.

In 1988, Michael shifted into sports media and started working at Channel Seven (HSV 7) as a journalist, producer and presenter. He covered countless events, and is best known for his work on AFL Football, Australian Open Tennis and feature stories on *Sportsworld*.

A change to Channel Nine (GTV 9) in 1993, the sports journalist joined the top-rating *National Nine News*. He also covered stories for Nine's *Wide World of Sports*, the *Sunday Footy Show* and hosted his own live program at Crown Casino, *Sports Scene*.

Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur and Melbourne, and the 2006 Asian Games in Doha, Qatar, turned him global.

The versatile media man branched out to help create a documentary, *100 Years of Australian Exploration of the Antarctic* in 2007.

Michael also had a stint on Channel Seven's *Coxy's Big Break*. NRL Rugby League in Melbourne on Chanel Nine, the Surf Titles from Bells Beach, Torquay and the National Surf Lifesaving Championships in NSW/Queensland were a major part of his television life.

Currently, he's an accomplished panellist on the live AFL broadcast for the Triple M team.

The former Saint worked with teammate Danny Frawley at the AFL Coaches Association.

His love for international sport is intense... three stints in the US for the NFL Superbowl (Indianapolis, New Orleans and San Francisco) supports that.

Michael is an ambassador for five charities, his first as a founding member and president of the Crux Club, a major fundraiser for the Challenge Foundation which supports children with cancer... that rolled into the Trevor Barker Foundation.

There's a major involvement with the Alannah and Madeline Foundation. A high profile group recently returned from a fundraising mission after tackling the Kokoda Track in PNG.

The EJ Whitten Foundation, MS Australia and Cure for Brain Cancer are all in the mix.

High on Michael's brand are the Melbourne Storm, CUB and Mercedes Benz-Berwick.

His hobbies are travelling, cycling, golf, and anything that involves the surf and snow.

Michael lives in Melbourne and is married with three daughters... he's as much at home with the working man as he is with the celebrity!