

# Profile

Talent Management



## MICHAEL WIPFLI

You can hear Wippa each weekday on *Fitzy, Wippa & Kate* on Nova Drive. Following 15 successful years on Sydney breakfast, the team has taken the show national and can be heard across Australia.

In radio Wippa has found a platform to try and live out everything he's ever dreamed of. Never afraid to 'give it a go', his time on-air has seen him make it into the *Guinness Book of Records*, be suspended from a hot air balloon, and been naked more times in the studio than he cares to admit.

A closet musical genius, Wippa has shared his vocal and song writing skills by serenading some of the world's biggest stars, always with fun in mind - take him singing a duet with Hugh Jackman for example. Fitzy and Wippa's famous on-air rap battles against the world's biggest names have also attracted millions of views.

In 2024, Wippa co-founded a social change initiative **36 Months**, campaigning to amend legislation to raise the minimum age of social media use from 13 to 16. His campaign is extremely successful, gaining a lot of media interest and putting Wippa firmly in the spotlight.

Wippa has also had extensive experience in the television landscape, most recently co-hosting **The Today Show** during its summer programming, appearing as a contestant on *Celebrity Apprentice* and on the *Lego Masters Christmas Special* in 2022. Wippa created and hosted two separate one-off TV specials with Nova and Network Ten (*On the Couch With Wippa* and *Up Reasonably Late with Fitzy & Wippa*) and has co-hosted the series of *20 to One* on the Nine Network. He has even thrown himself at the Sharks on *Shark Tank* and has appeared on multiple episodes of *I'm A Celebrity Get Me Outta Here* where he faced his fear of heights (although that wasn't so much a choice of Wippa's as it was a stitch up from his mate Fitzy!)

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Wippa's journey began with the completion of a building management qualification from TAFE that gave him the introduction to life on a building site, where he got to play with the big boys and wear a pair of Blundstones. These days he much prefers to spend his time in the studio and wearing loafers.

Being part of a freelance crew, working project to project, gave Wippa the freedom to test out the entertainment industry. On completing a radio short course, Michael put together a demo which he sent around Australia before gaining work in sunny Port Augusta.

With the opportunity of casual work at Fox FM he returned to his home town of Melbourne, and became a regular on the *Hamish and Andy* Saturday morning show whilst working as a project manager for a building company during the week.

Putting a demo together, Michael then auditioned for a position at 92.9 in Perth and secured the position to co-host the breakfast show, *Em, Wippa & Ollie* for two years.

In 2009 Wippa returned to Melbourne to take a seat beside *Ryan and Monty* on Nova's national drive show for two years, during which time he managed to compete in a strong man competition and successfully pulled a 747 plane.

In 2011 he moved to Sydney to team up with Ryan 'Fitzy' Fitzgerald and take on the extended drive slot of 4pm-7pm. The duo then moved into Breakfast in September of that year, tasked with entertaining people on their early morning commute to work and continue to do each day.

Wippa is based in Sydney with his wife, Lisa, and their three children, Ted, Jack and Francesca.

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