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Neil Waka

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SKILLS: Facilitator, Host, Journalist, MC, Panelist, Presenter, Producer, Radio Host, Television Personality, TV Presenter, Voice over Artist

VOICE SKILLS: Brand, Corporate, Documentary, Narration

INTERESTS: Radio, Sport

After cutting his teeth in broadcasting more than 20 years ago, Neil Waka has amassed an impressive and extensive list of skills.

Trained as a radio journalist, Neil's career naturally found its beginnings in this medium during the 1980's. It wasn't long before he was picked up and offered a coveted position as a news reporter with TV3, shortly before the fledgling station went to air in 1989.

Neil naturally progressed into a news presenter role, reading the daily current affairs on TV3's nightly news programme, Nightline.

He held down this role in conjunction with an array of other responsibilities, including as a producer, reporter, and presenter for his own sports show; a weekend newsreader position; and a mentor for junior reporters.

After nine years with TV3, Neil decided to change it up, emigrating to the USA to pursue a career as a professional kick-boxer. As a man that does well with whatever he puts his mind to, Neil found success in his new field, working as a corner-man for then-world heavyweight kick-boxing champion, Ray Sefo.

From there, he returned to New Zealand and found his way back into the fast-paced world of radio, before being offered a presenters role on TVNZ's Breakfast.

The following year Neil became a presenter for One News Late Edition, before taking over as the nightly news sports reader.

A passionate traveller, Neil says one of his career highlights was filing sports news pieces from the Athens Olympics 2004.

Unsurprisingly, in his personal life Neil is an avid sporting enthusiast. Aside from being a kick-boxing champ, Neil has tried his hand at provincial Rugby League, Basketball and Rugby. His limitless energy has also seen him compete in more than 10 triathlons, run two marathons - and somehow find the time to become a qualified Surf Lifeguard.

To book Neil Waka please call Outspoken on **09 360 8333** or email **outspoken@odd.co.nz**

