

Simon Dallow

Awarded Senior Prize on graduating from University of Auckland Law School , Simon practised as a litigation solicitor in a Queen St law firm before heading overseas on his OE. The 1987 stock market crash prompted a change of careers, and Simon spent the next 6 years pursuing his love of European culture by leading tour groups around the Continent.

Returning to New Zealand , he was selected to co-host 'TV2 Newsnight', a ground-breaking daily news/magazine show, before being appointed to TVNZ's late news programme on sister channel TV One. Simon has subsequently hosted every major TVNZ bulletin, and for the last ten years has been principal presenter of its flagship 6pm news, consistently the highest rating programme in New Zealand.

In 2004 and 2005 Simon anchored the critically acclaimed political current affairs programme 'Agenda', interviewing senior politicians and world leaders and leading debate with panels of expert commentators. Other career highlights have included four-times helping the blockbuster national quiz 'Test the Nation', covering two Olympic Games, and presenting a number of one-off special televised events. He has also hosted his own radio show 'Simon Dallow Today' on the experimental talk/music hybrid station Viva in 2005 - 06.

His combined background in law, tourism and media gives Simon a unique perspective on the world. From representing a murderer later killed in prison, to being arrested in Kosovo, to having guns pointed at his head during a coup in Fiji, he has a wealth of experiences that inform his work.

An avid sportsman who represented Auckland at age-group level in both athletics and rugby, his sporting pursuits now are largely couch-bound. He has finally made peace with the fact that he will never be an All Black. It doesn't stop him dreaming.

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Simon Dallow is the ultimate professional, the night [New Zealand Law Awards] was smooth sailing with Simon operating as a fantastic MC. I would not hesitate to recommend Simon as an MC for future events. He was extremely engaging, professional and a pleasure to deal with.

Emma Marrett, Key Media



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