

James McOnie

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James McOnie is a journalist and broadcaster who has come close to winning several awards. Born in Te Awamutu during the disco era, he attended Hamilton Boys' High School, during which time he starred in four school productions to mixed reviews.

These days James is proud to call himself the co-host for PRIME & SKY TV's *The Crowd Goes Wild*. He started on the show in 2006 as a reporter and has interviewed some of sport's biggest names, including Michael Phelps, Jacques Rogge, Jurgen Klinsmann and Stephen Donald (in a bath). He has also sung and danced with a lot of sportspeople.

McOnie has been a print journalist for more than a decade, having written for *Sky Sport Magazine*, the *Taranaki Daily News*, the *Waikato Times* and all three Sunday papers. He interviewed Charlize Theron (google it) and has the framed photo to prove it. He has worked on LiveSport radio as the "host with the most" during the "hour of power."

Apart from sport, James likes open fires, the French language, the seven wonders of the world, soft librarian voices, most chips and dips (except for hummus), geography and TV shows about Mediterranean real estate. He doesn't like uninsulated houses and really high pants.

Testimonials

James was well prepared and bought his "A" game to achieve a great event. He wasn't fazed with late changes, which is always really helpful with awards events. He was great to work with and I had great feedback from both the rest of the team and attendees. We all had some good laughs, with enjoyable kiwi humour that hit the mark! One of our board members felt he was the best MC that the region has had to date.

Debbie De Jong, Master Builders Bay of Plenty

James was awesome! His sense of humour and his ability to think on the fly captures the NZ psyche beautifully! I love the way he starts a sentence and then does the 'hesitation' and 'fade away' - it was excellent. James was really well-received and we will



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definitely use him again! Our guys LOVED him!

Jo Mason, NZbrokers

"James was easily the highlight of our annual awards evening and was spot on with his humorous – and often risqué – take on life. Great on his feet, very engaging and just what the doctor ordered to get the night firing. Highly recommended."

Ross Hancox, Telfer Young