

Jesse Mulligan

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Jesse Mulligan has become a household name thanks to his appearances on 7 Days, Seven Sharp and Best Bits and most recently The Project. However his career started off in quite a different direction.

He grew up in Hamilton and trained as a lawyer, before a surprise win in a first-timers' stand up comedy competition led his career in a different path. He spent several years working as a comedian and breakfast radio DJ in Wellington before heading to London, where he worked in food and drink at a busy Covent Garden PR agency. He also took up writing, and when he returned to New Zealand turned his love of food into a job reviewing restaurants for Metro magazine and on his Auckland Food Blog. He's currently the eating out editor for Viva magazine in the NZ Herald.

His stand up comedy background led him to a job as head writer and then regular panelist for hit TV3 show 7 Days. He was TV3's go-to man for comedy writing for a couple of years, before TVNZ hired him as host of the new 7pm show Seven Sharp. Jesse left that show in April 2014, to become host of hit Thursday night comedy Best Bits. He's was also an occasional New Zealand correspondent for Australia's "The Project" before becoming the anchor of New Zealand's very own 'The Project'.

He currently hosts Radio NZ National from 1 to 4pm, weekdays and off-screen he works as an event MC and as a writer, helping brands "find the funny" in their TV ads, websites and communications with customers. He continues to write columns for NZ Herald Viva and New Idea, and lives in Grey Lynn with his wife Victoria and their four adorable children.

Jesse's versatility as an MC is evident in the wide range of events and awards he has hosted, including the New Zealand International Business Awards; NZ Wine Awards; NZ Builder of the Year; the ASB Bank Roadshow; the Spark Roadshow; Air NZ Icon Awards and Sustainability Breakfast; the Deloitte's Fast 50 Awards; Beacon Media Awards and the CAANZ Advertising Awards. He brings humour and professionalism to every event he hosts, making him one of the country's most popular MCs.



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