

Jeanette Thomas

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Jeanette Thomas has worn many hats over the last 20 years of her broadcasting career, all of which have been a perfect fit at the time. She currently co hosts The Breeze's breakfast show with Robert Rakete, and prior to that was the host of TVNZ's long-running Good Morning show - where she counted herself very lucky to have met and interviewed hundreds of wonderful New Zealanders and international guests on a daily basis.

Jeanette was born in Auckland and other than a short stint in Wellington – in the late '90s, where she went down to co-host Crime Scene (a half-hour weekly show that replaced the old Crime Watch), Jeanette has always lived in Auckland. That was pretty much her first job in television. They caught a lot of bad guys on that show for the two years that it was on – close to 200 arrests over the time.

She has also previously hosted or co-hosted shows including TV3's hit consumer show Target, House Trap, House of the Year, Jim's Car Show and 5:30 with Jude. She also worked as a journalist for 3News in 2005.

Jeanette graduated from AUT in 1993 with a Bachelor of Communication Studies with a major in radio and, other than an OE in the mid nineties, she's been fortunate enough to work continuously in both radio and television for the last 20 years.

During that time, she married her policeman husband, Dave, and had two (now teen) daughters, who are the absolute loves of her life - Charlotte and Mia.

She shares a deep passion with her eldest daughter, Charlotte, for the plight of the critically endangered orangutans of Indonesia and is the New Zealand ambassador for The Orangutan Project. Her family sponsors three orphaned orangutan babies in Sumatra and Borneo and she and Charlotte are keen to educate as many people as possible on the devastating effect of deforestation on our planet.

While she continues to have a deep passion for working in television and radio after recently spending time in an orangutan sanctuary in Sumatra, who knows what she might end up doing when the girls leave home?



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