

ANDREW BARNETT

Andrew “Barney” Barnett is a highly regarded stand-up comedian, writer, and media personality known for his clever humor, relatable insights, and captivating storytelling. A passionate sports enthusiast, Barney has made his mark in the realm of sports comedy, featuring prominently on television, radio, and at numerous high-profile sporting events. His easygoing style and sharp comedic timing have endeared him to audiences, earning him recurring spots at major festivals such as the Melbourne International Comedy Festival and the Sydney Comedy Festival.

Barney’s comedy journey took off in 2010 when he reached the NSW State Final of Raw Comedy. Since then, he has become a familiar face on the Sydney comedy circuit and beyond, performing in venues across Australia and New Zealand. His talents have been showcased at events like the Hoodoo Gurus’ *Rip It Up* festival, where he hosted the comedy stage in 2013.

A versatile performer, Barney has featured at numerous festivals both as a solo act and as part of ensemble shows. His 2015 Sydney Fringe Festival production was described by *The Daily Telegraph* as a “knockout show,” with its popularity prompting an extended season. That same year, he won the coveted comedy prize at the ANZ Blue Rooms Competition during the Sydney Morning Herald’s Spectrum Now Festival. In 2016, Barney was featured in the Sydney Comedy Festival’s FRESH program, spotlighting standout emerging talent.

Barney’s television career began in 2017 as a writer and sketch performer for *The Professor’s Second Year Syndrome* on Fox League. He quickly became a regular on the show’s follow-up seasons, co-hosting *The Professor’s Late Hit* in 2019, where he gained his nickname, “Barney.” From 2018 to 2022, he contributed to the popular *Not The NRL News* segment on *Sunday Night with Matty Johns*. Alongside James “The Professor” Rochford, he also co-created and hosted the late-night comedy show *The Night Watchmen* on Fox Cricket.

In addition to television, Barney has excelled as a podcaster. He co-hosted *The Professor and Barney Podcast*, which gained a dedicated following both online and on the Kayo Sports platform. He has also hosted his own interview series, *Crowd Work Cast*, and currently co-hosts *Not Another F#ing Rugby League Podcast*.*

On radio, Barney is a familiar voice on SEN, where he is a regular presenter reaching listeners across NSW and QLD.

Barney’s comedy is a perfect blend of affable charm and razor-sharp wit, filled with perceptive observations and humorous anecdotes. Wherever he performs, he leaves audiences thoroughly entertained and eager for more. As *The Daily Telegraph* aptly put it, he is “quick-witted, sharp-tongued,” and a true standout in Australian comedy.