



## Te Radar.

**Height** 174 cm

MC/Entertainer Biography

# JOHNSON&LAIRD

With a string of awards to his name, including the countries highest accolades for comedy, and one of New Zealand's most recognisable hairstyles, Te Radar is one of New Zealand's most recognized comedians and personalities. Under his trademark strawberry-blond mop lurks an astute mind that has created award-winning comedy shows, and TV documentaries for the past two decades.

Witty, friendly and well-informed, Te Radar is a sought-after speaker, and MC, with an ability to host incredible diverse events, ranging from 100,000 people at the Red Bull Trolley Grand Prix, to Stormwater and Age Care conferences, and a myriad of functions across the Agricultural, Engineering, Science, Arts, Medical and Academic sectors.

A self-titled 'opinionist', Te Radar is a political and current affairs junkie. He's been a regular on National Radio's Nine to Noon for more than a decade, providing a satirical review of the week, and he won two Qantas Media awards for his columns in the New Zealand Herald.

No coward when it comes to confrontation, in 2000 Te Radar managed to convince the UN to fly him to East Timor at the height of the conflict to produce an award-winning documentary, and shortly after that faced up to gun-toting soldiers in the Middle East, before interviewing the late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat for a TV documentary and radio series.

Used to roughing it, he turned Spartan for his top-rating TV series Off the Radar, where he camped in a field for 10 months to experiment with living off the land. The book he wrote about this was also adapted for radio by Radio NZ. He returned to the screen and smaller-scale sustainability in Radar's Patch, which won a Qantas award for Best Information/Lifestyle Programme. His television shows Radar Across the Pacific and Global Radar won Best Factual Series and Best Information Series respectively at the New Zealand Television awards. Documentary work has seen him travel across the world, to locations as far flung as Kiribati, Rwanda, Cuba, Antarctica and Timbuctoo. During these trips he dived with sharks, raced a Formula 3 car at over 200kph, plunged into the frozen Ross sea in just a skimpy pair of togs, and was stung in a rather awkward place by a scorpion.

The patron of the New Zealand Galloway Cattle Association, Te Radar also represents local comedians on the New Zealand Comedy Trust board. He directs and acts in theatre, (including the lead role of Mr Twit in Auckland Theatre Company's production of the Roald Dahl classic The Twits). He had the great pleasure of touring with the Royal NZ Ballet Company as the narrator in their production 'Peter and the Wolf'.

2017 sees him as the new Compere and Quizmaster for the FMG Young Farmer of the Year Regional and Grand finals, which has him once again travelling throughout the provinces.

His latest TV series, Te Radar's Chequered Past recently screened to critical acclaim on TV One. Based on his stage show Eating the Dog, which he has performed over 120 times across the country, it was a celebration of some of the most colourful characters from New Zealand history. He recently received an honorary Master of Arts degree from Wintec for his contribution to Media and Entertainment.

### SPEAKER TOPICS:

New Zealand history and innovation

Sustainability and sustainable living

Celebrating failure as a path to success

Travel

## Testimonials.

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Viridian Glass Factory Opening September 2016

"Te Radar hosted the opening of our glass factory and he was part of the reason why the event was a major success. His relaxed and enthusiastic personality was incredibly infectious and he MC 'd the event extremely well. I would thoroughly recommend his services to anyone who wants an event to run smoothly. "

- Andrew Hibbert, National Marketing Manager, Viridian Glass

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Te Radar was the MC for our 2016 Canterbury House Of Year event in 2016. He did a fabulous job of MC-ing, and ensured the event ran smoothly and to plan, all while injecting his own humour/personality into the script. Our awards night involves acknowledging a large number of entrants and can be quite lengthy, however Te Radar did a wonderful job of keeping everything running to time, as well as maintaining the importance of the evening. He had good knowledge of the competition and awards event along with good knowledge of the local region and people –and this contributed to a successful and entertaining event.

Stacey Gibb –Regional Branch Manager, Canterbury Registered Master Builders

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PLASTICS NZ NATIONAL CONFERENCE - JUNE 2015

"On behalf of Plastics New Zealand I would like to thank you most sincerely for entertaining us at our Annual Conference last week. As Key Note Final Speaker you absolutely complemented what was a great Conference. Your presentation was right on the mark, well

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crafted, funny and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone in the room. The hour just seemed to pass so quickly, everyone left on a high and it was a great entrée to our Mid- Winter Xmas themed Gala Dinner. Once again thanks very much. " - Ken Sowman (PNZ Business Manager), Nigel Don (PNZ President)

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XEROCON CONFERENCE - APRIL 2015 "Te Radar was awesome. Quick, clever, lots of energy, professional, and funny. Such a great fit for our event and audience. He worked really hard for us, got involved with the delegates, and was super attentive and friendly with the Xero staff. "

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TATUA CO-OPERATIVE DAIRY COMPANY CENTENNIAL GALA DINNER - MC - 8 NOVEMBER 2014

"The Centennial Gala Dinner was the final event for Tatura 's100th birthday celebrations in 2014. Our intention was to create a relaxed and inclusive environment for all our stakeholder community. As you are aware, an extraordinary amount of planning and thought went towards making the evening a success. We have been overwhelmed with positive feedback from all of our stakeholders. We truly appreciate your contribution as master of ceremonies. The comments that we have received are that you were the perfect M. C for Tatura, as you really understood and related to who we are. We could all tell that you had done your homework and read our book! The logistics and time management of the evening was exceptional and many of our guests commented on how quickly the evening went, and how at no stage did we lose the excitement. Thank you once again for all your efforts and best wishes for the upcoming festive season. " - Stephen Allen, Chairman

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SUSTAINABLE 60 AWARDS - MC - 28 OCTOBER 2014 "Having worked with Te Radar several times, I'm always delighted and impressed by his ability to read the audience, provide quick-witted responses, anecdotal comments and observations, which are always more than appropriate for the event. I have no hesitation in recommending Radar as an event host, MC or speaker, and look forward to the next time I get to work with him. " - Denise Armstrong, National Events Manager, FairFax Media

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IBM KENEXA BEST WORKPLACES AWARDS - MC - 23 OCTOBER 2014

"When we engaged Te Radar as MC for our client 's event, the IBM Kenexa Best Workplaces Awards, we were impressed by his enthusiastic commitment to the event. His professional execution was perfectly in sync with our mission, but still true to his personal style, and made the night one to remember" Soiree Events Team

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DELOITTE MID YEAR EVENT - ENTERTAINER- 27 SEPTEMBER 2014

We wanted to do something a little different for our staff function this year and Te Radar was our first choice. He's funny, informative, a great presenter and all-round genuine guy.

His show was full of interesting facts /jokes about NZ history and aligned perfectly with our event as it was held in the Te Papa Museum. Thanks Te Radar for helping make our night such a success! "Margie Cavill, Deloitte Wellington

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BEER AWARDS - MC - 21 AUG 2014

"Te Radar was again a great addition to the night, it is hard to think of someone who would do a better job"Ralph Bungard, President, Brewers Guild of NZ

"Te Radar was great as always –he was thrown some curve ball time scheduling changes on the night which he managed with great skill and polish, without detracting from the audience enjoyment. Quick wit, great fun"Philippa Boa, Brewers Guild of NZ

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NZI CONFERENCE &AWARDS - MC - 24 JULY 2014

"I found Te Radar to be 100 %focussed, professional, appropriately funny and interested in our clients subject matter throughout conference and the Awards ". Carlene Martin, Event Mergers

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BNZ BAY OF PLENTY EXPORT NZ AWARDS 2014 - MC - 27 JUNE 2014

"It is the third time we have had Te Radar as MC at our awards, and we will definitely be asking him back. He had all 500 people roaring with laughter and his humour is clever and quirky, but he never has to resort to crassness for cheap laughs. Radar is genuinely interested in people, and mingles amongst the crowd as if he is one of them. From an event organisers perspective, he is the ultimate professional. In the lead up to the event he responds to all communications quickly, with thoughtful and insightful comments to scripts etc so you feel confident he has his head in the event. I said this the first year, and I still feel the same, I completely relax with Radar at the helm as even if the roof caved in he would make it funny and as if it were all part of the event. I can't recommend Radar enough, he is the toast of the Bay of Plenty Export community and a genuine great guy. "Angela Wallace, Director

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THE WATER INDUSTRY OPERATIONS GROUP CONFERENCE - TOPICAL SET - MAY 2014

"Andrew is a very high quality NZ entertainer, he has raised the bar for our future conference entertainment. His theme and delivery was right on the mark for our event at Wairakei. He relates really well to NZ roots, which is where our industry is born. We received a lot of very positive feedback from delegates across the industry. I believe he would meet the needs of any event looking for entertainment, MC or any combination. Andrew mixed well with the delegates pre and post his entertainment slot. We also had a number of Australian delegates at the conference, two of them with a wide experience in hosting similar conferences throughout Australia, they were both very impressed with Andrew's talent. He is a true professional, I have no hesitation in recommending him to any event organiser, "He's got Talent" - John Clemens, Water Industry Operations Group NZ

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"Te Radar was the Master of Ceremony for a function I organised on behalf of the New Zealand Institute of Architects, and I found him to be extremely professional, organised and kept the night flowing smoothly and on time! Radar was well prepared and managed to engage with the audience incredibly to keep the awards ceremony running smoothly adding in humour along the way to keep the evening light-hearted. All attendees at the function enjoyed it immensely. It was a pleasure to work with Radar, and I would have no hesitation to recommend him for future work. " - ForumPoint2

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"Te Radar was the perfect speaker for our event. He had a great presentation which was humorous as well as informative. He is very down to earth and easy to work and personable, happy to mingle with our crowd which was fantastic. I would certainly look to hire Te Radar for future events. " - Fonterra Co-operative Group Limited

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"Radar is sensational. The consummate professional, he has a confidence which immediately puts people at ease, he is polished, creative and has consistently brilliant delivery. I had the absolute pleasure of working with Radar at a large conference where he was definitely the hit of the event. He is personable, approachable and flexible as proceedings need to change. Going out on a limb here and saying Radar was the best ever emcee I have ever worked with and very much look forward to the next opportunity. " - FMG Conference

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"Te Radar spoke at our Health conference gala dinner. He was easy to deal with before during and after the night incorporating our wishes easily. The evening's performance was fantastic keeping our audience riveted for over an hour with a huge range of entertaining topics. We would thoroughly recommend Te Radar to anyone who needs a good laugh and would also like to learn something about New Zealand. " - Waikato District Health Board

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DRAFT FCB - MC - 13 MARCH 2014

"Radar was perfect. Funny, impromptu, to the point and right on brief. He was very patient with us at the run-through beforehand, and completely un-phased with the small changes that happened right up to 30 mins before the night kicked off. " - Julie, Draft FCB

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"I thought Te Radar was great and so did the rest of LIC team. He was very nice to be around and his speech was great" - LIC (Livestock Improvement Corporation )Conference organiser

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"A superb MC and so the mediator. He was extremely professional and got really involved learning about the audience and putting his industry experience into the show " - CAANZ.

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"Delegates were enthralled from the moment he stepped foot on the stage. From his Ngati Pakeha welcome to his numerous worldwide experiences he had delegates captivated and in fits of laughter " - Sister Cities Conference Organiser.

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"Te Radar was fantastic, totally lived up to my expectations. He is very entertaining. Having seen him as a guest speaker at another occasion I was once again totally impressed with his knowledge, delivery and straight shooting humour. I believe a few years were added to my life span from the laughter "–Maori Land Court.

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"Te Radar was secured as MC for the Property Council Awards 2011 gala dinner event at The Langham Hotel and we were particularly impressed with his intelligent quick wit and professionalism in hosting the evening event of over 800 guests. His charisma and

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enthusiasm and ability to smoothly manage proceedings at a very busy evening was superb. We were thrilled with Te Radar's commitment and would highly recommend him as MC at any event. " - Sandy, Property Council

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"A lesson in New Zealand 's history that is hilariously and irreverently entertaining? A stand-up comedian who can teach you more than you though possible to learn in an hour? Sounds impossible, but Te Radar achieved it. An impeccably researched, witty and uproariously funny journey through some of our country 's more bizarre history, hitting all the right notes for the concluding session of our industry conference. The crowd quite literally called out for more. I cannot recommend him highly enough. " - Sarah Crysell, Communications Manager, New Zealand Seafood Industry

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"From my point of view Te Radar found exactly the right tone for the audience, a mix of professionalism, off-the-wall humour and spontaneity that kept a usually difficult audience focused and attentive. Te Radar's contribution ensured that the 16th annual NZ Marketing Magazine was the best ever. And on top of that he was a joy to work with. " - Graham Medcalf, Editor NZ Marketing Magazine.

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"Radar 's presentation was one of the highlights of the conference. He balanced up the academic content with a perfect blend of entertainment and the stark reality of catching, growing and preparing all your own food. He used stand-up comedy to deliver some serious messages about sustainability –very impressive. Those who were sceptical about having a comedian at a scientific conference quickly changed their minds; I think he got a whole bunch of new fans. " - Ingrid Perols, NZ Dietetic Association

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"There was the usual interminable, fulsome, jargon-rich campaign descriptions, Te Radar was (again)a star, and this time, the Marketing Association go the sound right. " - Fastline issue, 02 Sept 2010 regarding TVNZ Marketing Awards August 2010

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"Radar was very entertaining and got a really positive response from the team for his performance. His connection with the team and the way he linked his material to the team made for a great act. " - Darren Shand.

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"We wouldn 't hesitate in recommending Te Radar to anyone. He fits into the environment and is a neat person to have around. We really enjoyed getting to know him and our clients loved his presentation. It was very funny, well put together and fitted in perfectly with our theme of sustainable agriculture. Our best wishes to him in carrying forward an understanding of how to do agriculture better ". - Abron Staff.

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"The client function, "Breakfast at the Brewery"went off extremely well. Radar was his usual charming and funny self and was a hit with our guests and those who had met him last year (staff and clients )were pleased to catch up with him again. A great success and we were thrilled with the event. " - The Emerson Brewing Company Ltd, Dunedin.

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