



Paul Ego.

Height 195 cm

MC/Entertainer Biography

JOHNSON&LAIRD

He's tall. It's the first thing you'll notice about Paul Ego, all 6ft 5 of him. However, it doesn't take long to realise that the lofty comedian is also incredibly funny and sings like a dream.

A naturally funny raconteur, Paul has what he reckons is his ideal job: being paid to be himself.

As an MC, he's a crack improviser who often makes stuff up on the fly, always with hilarious results. As a comedian, he's opened for British comedy legend Ross Noble, toured New Zealand with Irish comic genius Ed Byrne and performed in every NZ International Comedy Festival since 1996, with many of his solo shows selling out.

He's also won a prestigious Billy T James award, a comedy grant from the New Zealand Comedy Trust in recognition of outstanding commitment to local comedy. Right now he's head funnyman for one team on TV3's comedy show 7 Days. However, his comedy is rooted in radio, notably the award-winning shows Starship Cortina and News In Briefs, More FM's award-winning Kim&Corbett Show and as the former producer of top-rating music breakfast show, The Rock's Morning Rumble.

As a boy, Paul found he had a good set of pipes. He joined the school choir as the tallest member, and entered local talent contests, winning applause (and once \$50) with his renditions of Jim Croce's Bad Bad Leroy Brown. He also sang lead vocals for Auckland band The Yes Men, which had a surfer following, and once opened for Peking Man and The Mockers. The youngest member of the group, Paul had no money for a car and getting the bus to gigs soon wore thin. The band took a backseat when he married and he and his new bride took off to the UK.

In his last few months in London, Paul booked a five minute slot at a local pub's open mike night. His show – tales about his childhood, his height, Michael Jackson and his grandmother's rest home - won over the comedy savvy English audience, and he was hooked.

Back in New Zealand, he was soon a name on the comedy circuit and in radio. The new career was a complete change for a guy who'd trained as a sign writer – before computers took over. He still hand-paints the honours boards for his local tennis club and fundraising signs for the kindergarten and doesn't mind writing out cheques or shopping lists because he can show off his beautiful handwriting. He's a solid supporter of the St John's Ambulance, which came to his wife's rescue after she suffered a heart attack aged just 30.

Paul is still heavily into his music, and likes nothing better than firing up his ipod and compiling his ever-growing collection. A huge fan of the crooners, Paul does some Frank Sinatra covers in his routine – strictly serious of course, no-one makes fun of Frank. When he's not working or looking after his two children Paul plays tennis, and tries to distract his opponents by talking nonstop and pointing out their faults.

And no, his real surname isn't Ego, it's Jones. His first stage name was Paul E Jo, a nickname from an auntie. Of all the mispronunciations by MCs, he thought 'Paul Ego' was the best, and so it stuck.

Testimonials.

Once again Paul was a unanimous hit, this master of ceremony can make it with all sorts, winemakers and black ties to forestry workers and high viz! He balances the formality of the awards process with enough humour to make it extremely entertaining without going off the timeline and is great at reading the audience in the first few minutes. Highly recommended and totally a great guy to deal with –thanks Paul

- Prue Younger, Public Impressions Ltd May 2017

"Paul 's humour really helped to lighten the event and he was great at making sure things kept moving to time. He was very easy to work with &we'd be happy to have him again at future events. "

- Dicker Data Festival 2017

VERSATILE HOMES AND BUILDINGS AWARDS EVENING - MC - 17 SEPTEMBER 2014

"Paul was great, hit just the right level of humour for the guys. He was professional and well organised which I appreciated. "Jon-Paul Ferris, General Manager, Versatile Homes and Buildings

2014 NZ PRINCIPALS FEDERATION CONFERENCE - MC - SEPTEMBER

"We had the pleasure of employing Paul 's services to MC the 2014 NZ Principals Federation conference in Invercargill. Quite simply he nailed it. Doing an excellent job of ensuring delegates were informed with all the appropriate information and at the same time making it funny to listen to. He never missed a step when the plan changed, as it often did. A highlight was spicing up the sponsors presentations. The lucky companies that agreed to the plan, were subjected a Graham Norton type interview experience without the actual red couch. Paul added life to this necessary part of the annual conference programme. I would no qualms booking Paul again for this type of event. " - Ben Witheford, Principal

CANTERBURY REGISTERED MASTER BUILDERS HOUSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS - MC - 1 AUG 2014

"We would like to thank Paul Ego for the excellent job he did being the MC for the Canterbury Registered Master Builders House of the Year awards last week. This is a large event and it can be difficult to keep the attention of the crowd as the awards progress, but Paul handled the whole evening extremely well using appropriate wit and humour. He had a good understanding of our requirements regarding timing and he kept to the script which was essential. However, he added his own flair and humour throughout, keeping the audience engaged. He is a very quick, funny man and this set the tone for the entire night which meant that the evening had a great atmosphere. We would definitely have him back again!"Sheena Hemens, Event Manager for the Canterbury Registered Master

Testimonials continued...

Builders House of the Year Awards, The Go2 Company Ltd.

AUCKLAND HOUSE OF THE YEAR - MC - AUG 9 2014

"Paul was very accommodating about our requirements and kept the evening well on track. It was a hard audience to crack and he did a superb job –we had nothing but good feedback". Ali Glover, Registered Master Builders Association of NZ

MID SOUTH CANTERBURY HOUSE OF THE YEAR - MC - 11 JULY 2014

"Paul Ego is an entertaining MC that gets the crowd engaged and laughing right from the start. Paul is a pleasure to work with and adds appropriate, well thought out humour that appeals to a wide variety of his audience. If you are looking for a professional and entertaining MC for any event then Paul Ego should be your first choice."Kirsty Burnett, Event Manager

Health 2000 Conference September 2016

Paul was absolutely fantastic! He was so lovely to deal with and I would 100% recommend him to any one?

Kaitlin Phillips

Health 2000 +Ltd

ONE NIGHT FOR CHILD CANCER - MC - 26 June 2014

"Thank you very much for your professional approach as Master of Ceremonies for our RCP One Night for Child Cancer event at the Auckland Museum last week. We were thrilled with your quick wit and humour which was entirely appropriate for our audience. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive again as you worked your magic to pull the evening together."Nick Beale, Managing Director RCP and Board Member - Child Cancer Foundation and Robyn Kiddle, Chief Executive - Child Cancer Foundation

"Paul was fantastic again this year, very funny but also very receptive to the presentations. I have had such great feedback from a lot of our attendees and we would be hard-pressed to find a better MC! "

- AON New Zealand



Testimonials continued...

"Paul is easily the best MC I have seen in action. When briefed he quickly understood the nature and context for our event, and on the day his humour was pitch perfect. Having Paul on board turned what would have been a good event into a truly memorable occasion for all our guests, many of whom had travelled from overseas and who were still commenting late into the night about how funny Paul was. "

- Mayne Wetherell

"Our evening with Paul was absolutely fabulous –he was great fitted in with our group. Everything went smoothly, what a wonderful person, everybody could relate to his"stories"and I know there will be a few more tuning in to 7 days, if they were not already before. We would thoroughly recommend him for any function. "

- Delanie

"I found Paul very easy to deal with. Timely, professional and organised. Paul quickly understood the crowd and worked well without over stepping boundaries. We have had numerous customers thanking us for the evening saying they enjoyed Paul's performance. "

- Carters

"Paul was fantastic on Friday night, he really knew the content and the audience. The client was very happy and we had huge amounts of positive feedback from guests. He managed to have the audience laughing and reduced all the repetition of the formalities, while still keeping all the sponsors happy. We will definitely use him again. "

- Acumen Republic

"Paul Ego was the MC for The ASB Great Debate 2013 between accountants and lawyers. Paul was exceptionally professional, flexible, very easy to work with and he delivered intelligent, amusing humour to manage and control the evening. The many back stage convolutions were completely invisible to the audience who report the event "went like clockwork", which it did–thanks to Paul. We thoroughly recommend Paul for corporate event evenings; his light hearted and amusing approach added fun and energy to the proceedings. Paul was amazing, spectacular, brilliant, flexible, fu

- Ngaio Merrick, Project Manager, The ASB Great Debate 2013

"To keep this terribly formal ...on behalf of Aoraki Development Business and Tourism and the South Canterbury Chamber of



Testimonials continued...

Commerce, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to you for your entertainment as our MC at the Business Awards on Friday night. Everyone has been absolutely delighted with the event, but particularly enjoyed your performance. The feedback has been excellent. Not average. And less formal...Fantastic! Marvellous! Just right! They loved you! Thank you! "

- Aoraki Development Business and Tourism and the South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce

"I just wanted to say a huge thank you for making the Gala Dinner a fantastic event! I have received great feedback about your performance and really appreciate the lengths you went to, to make your comedy relevant to our delegates. I know the sponsors of the Gala Dinner absolutely loved the exposure you have them. Being a small organisation is can often be quite hard giving sponsors value for money but you achieved this and I have had sponsors come to me since the dinner and ask to secure their spot again! "

-Candice RFUANZ

"Paul was our comedian at three "Men Only"events we held on consecutive nights in locations around the South Island to celebrate the start of Duck Shooting! As you can imagine, the men were quite raucous and looking forward to a good night out. Paul did not disappoint. His quick wit and ability to shoot from the hip had the men rolling around on the floor with laughter. Over the three days Paul entertained nearly 1, 000 men and they all left sore.... from laughter! Paul is such a damn nice guy too and so easy to work with so I have no hesitation in recommending him. "

-Helen Shrewsbury - CRT

"Please pass on a huge thanks to Paul for the MC 'ing&comedy set he did at our National Conference. He was great to deal with and everyone can 't stop raving about him. I felt the best thing about him was that he was actually listening to the presentations so when he thanked each speaker he was able do a hilarious recap of their presentation. Paul is an extremely funny man who read the crowd really well and injected humour into the often serious presentations. "

-Carla Childs -Aon NZ

"Many thanks to Paul Ego who superbly MC 'd the two sold-out gala dinner events headlined by Andre Agassi last month. He made the evening fun and light when required and did a great job of making the major sponsors feel much loved and important –an essential skill in our eyes! The MC is such a key role in this type of event and Paul was funny, very professional and a delight to work with. "

- Carlena Limmer - Duco Events



Testimonials continued...

"Paul Ego was literally the shining star of the Kordia One Awards ceremony held in August this year. He has a fantastic relaxed stage presence and was able to switch between the obligatory autocue and his own wicked sense of humour with ease. His entrée onto the stage singing a 'Kordia'theme song was a fantastic way to warm up the crowd (160+hard to please managers!) - we had people laughing before the show even really started. And he can really sing! Thanks Paul for raising the bar another notch for Kordia this year"

- Emma -Kordia

"We are always happy to work our butts off to deliver a great event but on the night we 're relying on you to pull it off. Events are always a moving feast but we truly appreciated all your efforts to support us to deliver a cracker night for RCP and Child Cancer. You were extremely professional and easy to deal with –absolutely no'ego'at all and will now be known In our Iroquois pad as'The Paul'. Thank you for keeping to time, engaging so well with the guests, your humour and especially for your work to squeeze the last copper coin from the loins of an extremely generou

-Pip Martin

"Vegas was a blast, extremely hot, but heaps of fun. All our customers had an awesome time and it all went off without a hitch. Paul was placed in an awkward position, being wedged between a DJ who was just firing the crowd up and the next lot of musical entertainment, but he did a great job of interacting with them all and they had a huge laugh. A lot of people came up to me thanking us for bringing him over as he is one of their favourites. "

- Duane - Grabaseat

"Please pass on thank you to Paul for the job he did on Saturday ...it's a shame we couldn't have more time with him onstage entertaining as he was very funny for the short periods he was up there! Anyway, he was a pleasure to deal with...very accommodating and friendly ...

- Lauren - Soiree

"We have had so many comments saying how much they enjoyed your performance. One of our colleagues said they hadn't cried so much in years! We would have no hesitation recommending you as a great night's entertainment and would definitely use you again. "

- Department of Intensive Care, North Shore Hospital



Testimonials continued...

"We enlisted the services of Paul Ego to MC our Air New Zealand staff, family and friends'Live and Loud'concert in Christchurch, on Thursday, 25 September 2008. Paul was a great MC on the evening, he entertained an audience of 1500 with stand-up comedy and introduced the acts (Dave Dobbyn and The Feelers)with much enthusiasm. From his background in breakfast radio, Paul was also able to inject a few facts about each band prior to and post their performances which made the connection between Paul 's role as MC and the bands performing more noticeable.

- Air New Zealand

"Paul Ego 's set went down especially well with the crowd and made up most of the evening's entertainment. His fast pace, sarcasm and laid back style delighted the audience. "

- City Voice Wellington

CHILD CANCER FOUNDATION BALL - MC - SEPT 2014

"Paul Ego –Fantastic job! You had a tough crowd with so many in the room, but you were very entertaining and kept things flowing perfectly "