



## Alison Mau.

Height 178 cm

MC / Entertainer Biography

# Johnson&Laird

With more than 20 years at the top of the television news and current affairs in New Zealand, Alison Mau is one of the country's most recognised and respected faces. In two decades at TVNZ, Alison hosted a wide-variety of shows including Newsnight, TVNZ Breakfast, Fair Go, Seven Sharp and One News at Six.

After a successful stint in radio, Alison (Ali)swapped broadcasting for her original passion - investigative journalism, and now heads the#MeTooNZ investigative team at NZ's most-read news site, Stuff. co. nz, as well as writing the masthead current affairs column for the Sunday Star Times. In May 2021, her work was honoured with the top prize of Reporter of the Year at the Voyager Journalism Awards.

Alison's skills from television, radio and journalism transfer seamlessly to her MC and speaking work. Clients are regularly delighted by her relatability and capacity to engage even the largest of audiences, which is one of the reasons she is in such high demand. As well as decades of experience hosting New Zealand's most glamorous events, Alison has made a speciality of conference MCing, with some of the best live interview and panel discussion skills in the country. She is a sought-after keynote speaker thanks to expertise in diversity and social cohesion topics; perfect for conferences and team gatherings.

### Testimonials.

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It was such a pleasure to work with Ali Mau on our New Zealand Women's Leadership Symposium. Ali put herself forward as a speaker for the event and we are so glad she did as not only was her presentation really well received by all of our participants, but Ali went above and beyond to join us at our online event, battling inclement weather, lockdowns, and IT issues. Ali's presentation was insightful, educational, and moving. Our participants loved her speech and were inspired by drive and determination. Ali was a fantastic addition to our line-up, and I hope we can work together again.

Melissa Rutherford |Head of Events

Women &Leadership New Zealand

- New Zealand Women's Leadership Symposium - Septemb

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**Testimonials continued...**

We were incredibly fortunate to have Ali Mau lead our International Women 's Day 2021 staff event. Ali's connection with the 2021 theme 'Choose to challenge' was prevalent as Ali shared her story and reasons for setting up the #MeTooNZ movement, as well as the impact on her and others. Ali was warm, approachable and friendly prior to, during, and after the event. Attendees valued Ali's openness as well as her mahi in this important area. Thank you Ali!

Nikki Thomas | Director, Organisational Development and Wellness

University of Waikato

- International Women 's Day - April 2021

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After experiencing Ali Mau as an MC for the Rainbow Excellence Awards, we knew she'd be perfect for our first Diversity&Inclusion Leadership Conference! And she was.

Ali was such a pleasure to work with throughout. She was warm, approachable and agile in the lead up to the conference, showing a genuine interest in the topic as well as ensuring she understood our business and the people who bought it to life. On the day, she did a marvellous job of keeping the event moving seamlessly, whilst also giving it the gravitas, professionalism and energy required to ensure it was a stand-out conference.

Amanda Tolley

General Manager, Talent&Organisational Development

SkyCity Entertainment Group Limited

- SkyCity Diversity &Inclusion Leadership Conferenc

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We were delighted to have Alison Mau MC our recent Masterclass with the country 's top PCOs. Alison MC'd with finesse, reading the room and managing the speakers to maximise the learning for those in the room. We'd jump at the chance to work with her again!

Heather Cornish. Events&Marketing Director, CINZ.

- CINZ Meetings PCO Masterclass May 2019

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"Ali was the perfect MC for the Inaugural New Zealand Rainbow Excellence Awards. Saying we are happy would be an understatement - we are delighted! Ali created such an incredible atmosphere, and she just delivered on everything we needed. A huge thank you to Ali for being part of this special occasion and we hope she will sign up again for 2020! "

**Testimonials continued...**

Martin King - Winter Pride NZ

- NZ Rainbow Excellence Awards May 2019

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Ali Mau was a superb keynote speaker for us at our recent client networking event: We have received a wave of extremely positive feedback, with people particularly commenting on the depth of professional experience she brought illuminated by the personal.

- Michael Stevens - The Rainbow Tick

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Ali is a consummate professional –a warm, responsive and flexible MC and we really enjoyed working with her.

- Raewyn Tse /Conference Innovators - August 2018

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"To say I was impressed is an understatement, what an incredible person, she has the persona of how we would all want to be perceived really –just lovely."

- Institute of Finance Professionals NZ Awards 2018

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She made us laugh, she made us cry, and she kept the energy electric throughout the night. This is exactly what we needed to deliver a successful fundraising event for our charity partners. We've had amazing feedback from our guests about how entertaining and engaging Ali is.

- "It's a Bit Posh"Gala for Rainbow Youth, May 2016

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A couple of words of feedback reflecting Ali 's honesty and professional approach:

•Proud to host you today @Alisonmau. Keep up the great work of sharing your story. I was inspired by your quote of"if not me, then who? "

•We 've had a lot of conversation since then and for me my key take out is you saying'if my kids are ok then I'm ok'which is really important and a lot of people resonated with that.

•"Amazing"

•That was awesome! Thank you.

•Ali is a high calibre speaker. She speaks with a level of confidence and openness that is rare. Great job!

## **Testimonials continued...**

Each of these reflects our entire experience with Ali. She is a pleasure to work with, her confident and open approach to presenting on such a personal topic was appreciated by everyone who attended the event.

We have had nothing but positive feedback.

- Glenn Conley - Vector - Diversity & Inclusion Semi

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I wish to thank you for your significant contribution to our Conference. You were an excellent MC and thank you for your thoughtful and insightful presentation. The Conference was a huge success and made possible by you and the other presenters—I very much appreciate how much work goes into preparing your presentation.

We have received a tremendous amount of positive feedback from our delegates who report that they have come away inspired by your words and advice, so thank you very much again for taking the time out of your very busy schedule to support the Catalyst for Change Conference. QUEENSTOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- WOMEN IN BUSINESS CONFERENCE 2014 - MC

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AUCKLAND AIRPORT 'S INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SUMMIT - MAY 2016 - MC

Ali was received well, she's a terrific operator and nothing was too much trouble. Her ability to ad-lib is a real strength. We were delighted with how Ali managed the proceedings particularly the panel discussion, she was totally on point. - Nick Palfrey, Senior Account Manager, Anthem

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REFUGEE AID FUNDRAISER - 2016 - MC

Alison Mau was our MC for our Refugee Aid fundraiser at Hopetoun Alpha and she really helped make the night the success it was. Ali was very organised leading up to the event, and on the night she managed to control a very rowdy crowd whilst encourage people to dig deep in the auction and keep the night flowing. She genuinely cares about the refugee crisis and her efforts were very heartfelt and sincere. We hope Ali can be our MC again next year as we totally recommend her to anyone wanting a gifted, professional MC with a great sense of humour. - Jane Ormsby, Trustee Refugee Aid

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MC alongside OSCAR KIGHTLEY: Your management of the event and the segments and more importantly the speakers was very

**Testimonials continued...**

professional. The speakers felt they were respected and given excellent opportunity to present themselves in a more relaxed and friendly light during the Q &A sessions.

I was really impressed at how well the two of you (Ali Mau and Oscar Kightly )worked together and bounced ideas around freely. You came across as a well practised team that had been working together for years. You had natural warmth and respect for each other which was obvious. Your ongoing energy through out the day was excellent, I don't think any of us noticed a lag at any stage. You were both incredibly easy to work with, which the whole team really appreciated! The three of us thoroughly enjoyed working with you both and hope we get the chance to do so again in the future.

- THRIVE INTERNATIONAL