



## Jono Pryor

**Height** 183 cm

### Event Highlights.

**2026** Site Safe Celebration Event - MC

Jono Pryor made his name through his own public shame, but these days the joke's on anyone but him. The multi-award-winning radio host and TV presenter became a household name as the young and eager-to-please intern who suffered numerous embarrassing –but good-spirited–public stunts for radio station The Rock. A decade on, he's co-host of The Rock's six-time award-winning show Drive, famous for its prank calls and laddish humour, plotted by Jono and his team.

Engaging, down-to-earth and game for anything, Jono's chilled-out but professional style makes him a sought after MC and live presenter. His years of live radio ensure a polished performance and an ability to keep things rolling. And he's unfazed by celebrity, having interviewed everyone from the Foo Fighters' Dave Grohl and Guns'N Roses guitarist Slash to former Pussycat Dolls lead singer Nicole Sherzinger.

He's put his skills to good use as MC for, among other things, the annual Homegrown music festival and the last Auckland concert by Kiwi rockers Shihad.

He was hooked by radio as a teenager and ditched school at 16 for the Wellington Radio Training School. He worked in the Radio Pacific mailroom sending out books and did the graveyard shift for free until "someone felt sorry enough for me and took me on".

He shot to national fame in 2003 as the cheery face of C4's dedicated late-night hard rock show Amped. In 2007 he was given his own programme, The Jono Show and after three successful seasons the team's comic escapades and media satire have been re-titled The Jono Project and moved to TV3. And proving comedy can be taken seriously, the show won a Qantas Media Award for Best Entertainment Programme in 2007.

He'll confess to being slightly music-obsessed; when he's not reorganising his extensive collection of band t-shirts, he's transferring his music collection to iTunes. And apart from his wife and daughter, his most prized possession is a vinyl of Guns'N Roses 1987 album Appetite For Destruction signed by Slash himself during an interview.

His wacky stunts for radio have left him with a buttock tattoo of two radio colleagues' names inside a heart and the proud memory of having jumped into the Waitemata Harbour from the mast top of a racing boat. However one of his proudest achievements is quitting smoking after ten years –and not turning to pies as a substitute.

Weekends find Jono hanging out with family and friends, and he can stretch to an excellent toasted sandwich should the need to

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properly entertain guests arise. He mows lawns like a pro and can often be seen taking the family out for a spin in his lovingly restored 1970s Holden Kingswood.

Top of his bucket list is travelling the world - in style, thanks, not backpacking - and climbing a very large mountain.

**Testimonials.**

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"Just a short note to say "THANK YOU". The event was a huge success, with many staff rating it the best ever! We've had excellent feedback from the guests and everyone is really happy with the way it turned out. Both Jono and Ben were a delight to work with. They were approachable, friendly and very pleasant, yet very professional. They mingled with the guests after their show and nothing was too much trouble for them. Please pass on our appreciation to them for their work on from AUT Hospitality Services. "

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