

Nova's Fitzy & Wippa with Kate Ritchie Breakfast show

Ryan 'Fitzy' Fitzgerald and Michael 'Wippa' Wipfli have built a loyal following as Nova 96.9's breakfast show for over a decade and are now joined by one of Australia's most loved personalities - Kate Ritchie.



Their engaging style has secured access to the hottest international and local actors, music artists and personalities, approaching interviews with fun in mind (Wippa even sang a duet with Hugh Jackman). The ACRA award winning duo's chemistry and unique broadcasting style make them a standout in the radio landscape. The loveable larrikins have built a loyal audience with their charity backyard cricket matches with Prime Ministers and Premiers, Rap Battles with recording artists and celebrities and numerous World Record attempts as well as raising millions to help those doing it tough.

Throughout their time on air *Fitzy & Wippa* achieved a Guinness World Record for the biggest catapult (The Bob-Katterpult), broadcast their show from the top of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and were dropped into the *I'm A Celebrity* jungle. With a passion for giving back to their listeners, they have raised over a million dollars for charity through various campaigns including their 'We've Got Your Back' community support program. In 2022 they won an ACRA for Best Syndicated Australian Program at the Australian Commercial Radio Awards, bringing the show a total of eight ACRA award wins.

A local hero in Adelaide, Fitzy made his AFL debut for the Sydney Swans before joining the Adelaide Crows. But it was his 2004 appearance on *Big Brother Australia* where his down to earth personality made him a household name and attracted Nova's attention. After seven years waking up Nova's Adelaide listeners, Fitzy made the move to Sydney where he started his ongoing friendship with Wippa.

Having gained his first radio gig in country South Australia, Wippa secured a gig on Perth breakfast radio in 2007, grabbing the attention of Nova's programming team. Two years later he returned to Melbourne to join Nova's national drive show before joining Fitzy as Nova 96.9's breakfast show in 2011. Wippa also owns his own production company, *Two Basic Scoops Media* and in 2021 appeared on *Nine's Celebrity Apprentice*.

A talented broadcaster, actor and author, Kate spent 10 years as an integral part of the Nova Network's on-air line-up, the last eight years as co-host of Australia's #1 Drive show. A Gold and Silver Logie TV Week Award winning actor, Kate is renowned for her two decades on *Home and Away* and has since carved out an impressive acting career including a role in TV series *The Claremont Murders*.

Fitzy & Wippa with Kate Ritchie can be heard from 6am to 9am weekdays on Nova 96.9 and from 6pm to 7pm on the Nova Network around the country. Listeners can also catch up on the show by checking out the daily podcast via the Nova Player.