

# TESTEMONIALS

## **SOUTH EAST MELBOURNE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE**

“Damian’s show ‘Speech Night’ was a great success at our Principal’s Conference. Damian’s highly energetic and hilarious show had the mob in stiches. Damian’s research allowed him to make amusing references to different Principal’s and their schools and his send up of the current educational climate was very well received. I would thoroughly recommend Damian.”

**SIMON FITZPATRICK  
PRINCIPAL  
HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL, DOVETON**

## **AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN’S TELEVISION FOUNDATION**

“What impressed us most about the terrific job Damian did at the 2006 Kahootz Competition Awards Ceremony was the research he did beforehand and the empathy he had for the students, parents and teachers at the ceremony. It really felt that he was part of our team and he made the kids feel that they were truly at a special event. Great MC and a true professional.”

**PETER MAGGS  
HEAD OF NEW MEDIA  
AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN’S TELEVISION FOUNDATION**

## **BRISBANE LIONS FOOTBALL CLUB**

“Damian was great - it was a perfect fit with our Footy loving audience! In particular our playing squad really enjoyed his routine. It really had a big impact on the overall success of the awards night!”

**BELINDA TANKARD  
EVENTS COORDINATOR  
BRISBANE LIONS FOOTBALL CLUB**

## **UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY**

“A billion thanks for coming to UC last night and doing what you do so well – you have such a kind way with people and are so clever with your research and style. The way you talked to the students during the meal and afterwards was a treat to observe – you really LIKE people and it shows. Your performance couldn’t have been more ‘spot on’ and I know that students really enjoyed it. Thank you for being my gift, and you are truly gifted.”

**DR DEBORAH SEIFERT  
HEAD,  
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY**

## **ANTHONY MENCHETTI**

“I had to let you know how great I thought your show [Spaznuts] was. You showed me how many more levels one can go to in a show and I haven’t ever seen anyone reach so many layers in a one-hour show before. You managed to make it honest and moving and your ability to completely expose yourself (emotionally I mean) made the audience love the show all that much more. It was constantly funny, endearing and absolutely entertaining. A huge well done and a big thank you for inspiring me.”

**COMEDIAN**

## **UNISUPER \$15B LANDMARK CELEBRATION FUNCTION**

"UniSuper recently held a function to celebrate a significant milestone and to thank staff for their continued effort in ensuring that the organisation performed effectively. Rather than just have the corporate speeches we thanked the staff with humour. Damian Callinan applied himself to that task of being a consultant who was entering the organisation to boost morale. As well as his hoax Damian topped the night with a standup routine.

Damian's contribution was sensational and made the night. There was not one dissatisfied customer and all are still smiling. A fabulous way to boost morale in fact."

**ANN BYRNE  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
UNISUPER LIMITED**

## **MALLESONS STEPHEN JACQUES WORKPLACE GIVING FUNCTION**

"Damian Callinan very kindly accepted our invitation to entertain our partners and staff at a drinks function at Mallesons following the launch of our Workplace Giving program.

From my own observations and the enthusiastic feedback from others, Damian's presentation was outstanding in every way. First and foremost, he was really funny! The audience were in hysterics most of the time, including me. He had taken the time to do his homework (even attending the Charities Expo being part of the launch which took place earlier in the day) so that his content was both relevant to and understanding of the context within which he spoke. He struck an immediate rapport with the audience which included lawyer and non-lawyer senior and junior. He had something for everyone and delivered a few perfectly pitched "digs" without causing any offence! His "dancing at weddings" routine and animal impersonations were particularly clever.

Furthermore, he was a pleasure to deal with on a personal level, being responsive, punctual and courteous.

I would recommend Damian as an entertainer to just about any audience on any occasion."

**AMANDA GRAY  
MELBOURNE PRO BONO COORDINATOR  
MALLESONS STEPHEN JACQUES**

## **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & TRAINING**

"Damian Callinan has hosted several events for the Department of Education & Training and has continually entertained guests through creative and dynamic performances.

Many of our projects cater for children, teachers, parents and government officials and Damian's professional MC skills engage this diverse group superbly. He is interactive and flexible, and he builds an amazing rapport with his audience – even after the event when he chats with people, signs autographs and poses with his fans for photos.

We couldn't recommend Damian highly enough for his humour, wit and originality. His uncanny ability to personalise any topic or event is hilarious!"

**LINSEY OLLERTON AND GEORGIA REID  
COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & TRAINING**

## **PENNY'S HILL WINERY NEW RELEASE LAUNCH**

"Ah, the incredible Mr Callinan, D. After a night laboured with long and necessary speeches and wine related tasting stuff, the recent Penny's Hill new release wines dinner was blown apart by the razor sharp wit and comic timing of our visitor from Melbourne. Our guests are still in awe of Damian Callinan's side-splitting delivery. He was the star!"

**TONY PARKINSON, MANAGING  
DIRECTOR PENNY'S HILL WINES,  
MC LAREN VALE, SA**

## **AGM VICTORIAN OFFENDER TREATMENT ASSOCIATION [VOTA]**

"Damian Callinan's performance at our recent AGM was inspired. He had obviously done his homework into the activities of our organisation, and as such was able to inject some well-aimed references that the audience really appreciated. Not only would I recommend Damian to anyone (and would gladly have him at any function that I organise in the future) in regards to his very funny act, but I would also say that Damian was a pleasure to deal with leading up to the event. He returned calls promptly, asked questions and confirmed his attendance. All in all a very classy act."

**RUSSELL PRATT  
VICE CHAIR, VOTA**

## **COMMANDER LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES CONFERENCE**

"As an ex teacher, Damian was excellent at connecting with the audience. He obviously did his homework prior to the night as he was able to relate a great deal on his content to the theme of the conference and the types of delegates at the conference. Overall, very funny, professional and extremely entertaining."

**JADE HANN  
MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST  
COMMANDER AUSTRALIA LIMITED**

## **UNIVERSITY HOUSE COMEDY NIGHT [MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY STAFF CLUB]**

"Many thanks for your involvement at our first ever comedy night. Your preparation was first class and the way you used University and Club related material was hilarious and went down very well with the audience. We have had numerous comments from members that your performance was the standout for the night."

**JOHN MCCAULEY  
MANAGER – UNIVERSITY HOUSE**

## **BRISBANE LIONS AWARDS NIGHT 2005**

“Damian was a great success, and my client was extremely happy with his performance. Below is our clients feedback - Damian was great - it was a perfect fit with our Footy loving audience! In particular our playing squad really enjoyed his routine. It really had a big impact on the overall success of night!”

**BELINDA TULLOCK,  
EVENTS MANAGER,  
BRISBANE LIONS FOOTBALL CLUB**

## **STATE LIBRARY EUREKA REVISITED EXHIBITION 2005**

“Damian was able to help students find a window into the Eureka story through laughter. They came away with an educational experience, combined with comedy - a great combination for learning. His characters still make our Library staff giggle during staff meetings when anyone mentions, “Thwatesy”... Thanks for a string of great performances during our Eureka celebrations, Damian!

**SAMANTHA TIDY  
SCHOOL SERVICES MANAGER  
THE STATE LIBRARY OF VICTORIA**

## **UNIVERSITY COLLEGE VALEDICTORY DINNER**

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**DR DEBORAH SEIFERT  
HEAD, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

## **96.5WAFM & 98.1 THE SPIRIT IMPACT 2006.**

Feb 9th 2006 @ “ Conversations” – Geraldton, WA

If your looking for your next corporate function to be a big hit then go no further than Damian Callinan.

Damian was recommended to us from another business in Adelaide who acquired his services and from the initial contact Damian was keen to work closely with us to ensure the show was a success.

He does research on the area, crowd, topics that will be relevant to the event and can adjust his style to suit your requirements.

I have no hesitations in recommending Damian for your event because regardless of your business you will be very pleased as will your clients.

Should you wish to contact me to discuss this with me further, you can call me on 08 99212244.

Kind Regards

**JASON MCCARTHY  
STATION MANAGER  
96.5WAFM & 98.1 THE SPIRIT  
GERALDTON W.A.**