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TERRY LAIDLER

SPEAKER - FACILITATOR - MC - HYPOTHETICAL

Terry is a strategic communications consultant and psychologist who until June 2002 was Associate Professor of Applied Communications at RMIT University and Executive Director of the Centre for International Research in Communications and Information Technologies (CIRCIT). CIRCIT's mission was to provide independent research and education on information and communication services - to create new knowledge that is relevant to the community, industry and government so as to increase the social and economic wellbeing of people in Australia and other parts of the world.

Prior to his appointment at CIRCIT Terry Laidler was, for over 9 years, well known on talk back radio as presenter of two top rating programs – Presenter of the Evening Program and later the Afternoon Drive Program on ABC Melbourne and Regionals. He has also filled in as presenter of the Drive Program on Talk 1116 3AK

Terry's balanced approach in handling difficult and complex social and public affairs issues on talk back radio is well recognised. Because of his approach and ability to unravel the seemingly complex, he is often called to facilitate Conferences and Meetings for Corporations, Government and Associations.

A Psychologist, Lawyer, ex Catholic Priest, Government Policy Analyst, Tutor and Broadcaster, Terry combines experience and depth in a wide number of areas as a unique commentator or facilitator.

Terry serves or has been part of a number of Boards and Committees including Ministerial Council on HIV/AIDS, Intellectual Disability Review Panel, Victorian Attorney General's Law Reform Advisory Council, the Victoria Police Ethical Standards Consultative Committee, the Victorian Institute of Forensic Psychiatry, Australian Advisory Committee on Road Trauma, the Burnet Institute, the Adult Parole Board and the ABC.

TOPICS

- ◆ Society, Business, Technology and the Internet
- ◆ The Media & Current Affairs
- ◆ The Public Sector and Community Issues
- ◆ Health and the Community
- ◆ Road Safety
- ◆ Social Justice
- ◆ Cultural Change

CLIENT FEEDBACK

"Terry helped us work through an issue by using a 'Hypothetical'. He made it entertaining & fun while still achieving our aim."

Telstra

“Excellent - Entertaining, professional and a delight to work with.”

The Property Council

“Your performance as a facilitator was fantastic”

Monash University

“Skilled facilitator and showed he had researched the topic to make an excellent hypothetical”

Northern HealthCare

“Excellent – professional and enthusiastic with very good delegate feedback”

Dept of GP and Public Health

“Excellent – professional and handled all situations as they arose. An excellent moderator.”

VECCI

“Professional hypothetical facilitator, an enjoyable session providing what was needed.”

Building Design Assoc

“Terry was excellent – he was able to draw points made by the presenters and audience together.”

Jobs Network

“Terry conducted our hypothetical in a truly professional manner with great results – despite not being well.”

Rotary

“Fantastic, brilliant, more than achieved the outcomes we were looking for – will use again.”

Orica

“Very professional and skilled in social justice issues. Has a broad knowledge base and the ability to think on his feet. All were impressed with his facilitation.”

Dept of Human Services

“Terry facilitated a discussion well with all panel members being handled considerately while still provoking opinion and comment by the audience.”

University of Melbourne

“Terry worked well with the audience and got the message across well.”

Wyndham City Council

“Excellent. Terry was well informed about the topic and conducted a highly entertaining and evocative hypothetical. He is a true professional with a passion for social justice themes and he is very skilled at bringing out the best in a range of speakers. We would not hesitate to recommend him to any other organisation seeking a balanced and informed facilitator.”

The Australian Workers Union

"I found Terry to be a pleasure to work with. Terry was relaxed, yet professional and extremely interesting. Terry covered the topic as discussed and linked it in well to the people and business community of Warburton and the Shire of Yarra Ranges. Terry was happy to answer a number of questions from the audience and to meet with those who wanted to thank him for attending the breakfast. I would recommend Terry to anyone who may be thinking of him as a possible speaker."

Shire of Yarra Ranges

"Outstanding.. Terry facilitated a very smooth days event, a well rehearsed and informed master of ceremonies, not a cue or read was missed the whole day 'seamless and professional' in every manner."

World Vision Australia

"Excellent. Terry Laidler was an excellent choice as a facilitator. He was responsive to the needs of the organising team. As a facilitator his relaxed and confident style encouraged discussion by the participants. I would certainly use Terry in that capacity for a similar event."

Australian National Training Authority

"Was great. Kept things moving very well. MC'd without taking the limelight himself. Managed the hypothetical extremely well."

Jobs Australia

"Very good. Held audience's attention, was able to facilitate discussion and adapted tactics when needed."

Sandybeach Centre

"Excellent. Terry was excellent as the MC for the Australian Institute of Environmental Health 'Asbestos Seminar for Local Government'. He was able to provide a very professional performance that resulted in a technical and contentious issue being delivered in a most appropriate manner."

Australian Institute of Environmental Health (Vic Branch)

"Excellent! Terry was an excellent facilitator and managed to keep the flow of the session going. He was able to reassure the panelists and made them all very comfortable. His sense of humour was appreciated. Terry's grasp of the issues was terrific, he situated himself in the scenario and was able to manage the situation well. He engaged all of the panelists, including the quiet ones without putting them on the spot."

Nurse Policy Branch