

## Jillian Whiting

A Queenslander through and through, Jillian was born in Mackay in the state's north before moving to Brisbane to attend high school.



Her childhood dream of becoming a writer and reporter was realised soon after graduating from the University of Queensland with a double degree in Journalism. In 1991 Jillian launched her TV career in Channel Seven's Brisbane newsroom.

In 1996, Jillian made the move to Channel Nine as a reporter and newsreader. She teamed with Bruce Paige in 2001 to present the state's top rating 6pm news bulletin.

After starting a family, Jillian moved to take up hosting the long running Queensland public affairs show Extra in 2006, as well as Nine's Gold Coast news bulletin.

With two young daughters, Jillian made the biggest change in her career in 2009, returning to Channel Seven to take up the dream role as a presenter with the enormously successful travel show, Queensland Weekender.

She's thriving in this exciting new job, tackling everything from hiking to diving, surfing and horse-riding adventures in the outback.

The corporate suits, though, weren't retired, and in 2010 and 2011 Jillian was called on to present Channel Seven's Queensland bulletin and the national news on Weekend Sunrise.

Jillian firmly believes in professional diversity, and alongside presenting the news she has also compered fashion shows, sporting parades and countless interviews, live on television.

She's now expanding her media interests, with regular roles as a presenter on radio and contributing to News Limited newspapers and online.

Jillian is also a very poised and polished MC, often requested to host fundraisers and corporate events, including a long standing eight-year relationship with Business Chicks, a national networking group.

Her extensive experience and high profile has now led to a role as a director at Media Potential, working with businesses and individuals in media and presentation training and communication workshops.

Surviving two decades in a notoriously unpredictable business is a source of pride for Jillian who continues to adapt to this dynamic industry.