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## ADAM SPENCER

### INTRODUCTION

*The information below is for background purposes only. Adam prefers not to be given this full introduction as it can take as long as the time he has allocated to speak! Please discuss directly with Adam the length and content of any introduction you intend to use.*

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Through this Adam met the good people at triple j and within a couple of years was hosting the breakfast radio show with his good friend Wil Anderson. After 6 years Adam and Wil called it a day. But a year later Adam was back on the grown up ABC Sydney radio station 702 where for 8 years he set ratings records and maintained second place in Australia's largest and most competitive market.

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A brilliant public speaker Adam was, at the 1996 debating World Championships, awarded the ultimate accolade of “Best Debater in the World”!

A passionate sports lover he is an ambassador for the Sydney Swans and coached a women's soccer team at the University of Sydney for over a decade.

He is the University's first ever ambassador for mathematics and science and is aligned with numerous charitable causes. He serves on the board of directors of Redkite, is an ambassador for the Fred Hollows Foundation and was a co-creator via his radio show of Dry July which has raised over \$40 million for adult cancer services in Australian hospitals.

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