

# Peter Helliar

## Comedian/Writer/Broadcaster/Presenter

When Australians want a comedian that looks like Phillip Seymour-Hoffman they turn to Peter Helliar.

Pete first came to the nation's attention in 1999 as a cast member of *Rove*, Rove McManus' ill-fated first series on the Nine Network. When the show went to Network TEN in 2000, Pete went with it, becoming an integral part of the Logie Award winning variety show until the show wound up at the end of 2009 after an historic ten years on Australian TV.

In 2003, Pete took on Australian Rules football with *After The Game*, which went on to become *Before The Game* in 2004. The following year Pete created Bryan Strauchan, Collingwood rookie and footy superstar in the making. Strauchanie created an AFL sensation picking up the codes' Personality Of The Year Award, getting his own car in the Grand Final Parade, and even being immortalised on his own official AFL Footy Card and winning Best On Ground at the 2009 EJ Whitten match.

Strauchanie now has his own website ([strauchanie.com.au](http://strauchanie.com.au)) and he has even learnt to Tweet.

After *Rove* was cancelled by the Nine Network in 1999 Pete started work on some film ideas and in 2009 he found himself on the set of his very own feature film. In 2010 this first feature film, *I Love You Too*, starring Brendan Cowell, Peter Dinklage, Yvonne Strahovski and Megan Gale and produced by Laura Waters (*Summer Heights High*) was released

All the while Pete has been working as a stand up, touring to sold out houses in Australia and New Zealand as well as hosting his own radio shows for Triple M and 2Day-FM.

***"Give Peter Helliar a stage, a microphone, some bright lights and a captive audience and he shows why he is one of the nation's favourite comedians" Sunday Mail***

***"Wonderful... a bizarre revelation" The Age, Melbourne***

***"Peter Helliar makes the difficult business of being funny look***

***dead easy. ★★☆☆ "Adelaide Advertiser***



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## Television

2011	ABC TV	<i>The Trophy Room</i> (Host)
2011	ABC TV	<i>Spicks and Specks</i> (Contestant)
2011	Network TEN	<i>Before The Game</i> (Strauchanie Commentary Box segments)
2011	Network TEN	<i>AFL Telecast</i> – Strauchanie interviews
2011	Nine Network	<i>EJ Whitten Legends Game</i> (Strauchanie as Participant)
2011	TV3 NZ	<i>7 Days</i> (panellist)
2011	TV3 NZ	<i>NZCF Gala</i> (stand up spot)
2011	Network TEN	<i>The 7PM Project</i> (guest)
2011	Channel 31	<i>Studio A Live</i> (guest)
2011	ABC2	<i>Marngrook Footy Show</i> (Strauchanie as guest)
2010	TV3 NZ	<i>NZCF AotearoHA Comedy Carnival</i> Gala Special (host)
2010	ABC TV	<i>The Trophy Room</i> (Host)
2010	Network TEN	<i>Before The Game Grand Final Special</i> (live cross to Strauchanie)
2010	ONE HD	<i>Thursday Night Live</i> (live cross to Strauchanie)
2010	Nine Network	<i>EJ Whitten Legends Game</i> (Participant)
2010	Seven Network	<i>The Bounce</i> (Host)
2010	Seven Network	<i>The Morning Show</i> (fill in Co-Host)
2010	Seven Network	<i>The Good Friday Appeal</i> (Host of Panel Segment)
2000-2009	Network TEN	<i>Rove [Live] and ROVE</i> (Core Cast Member and Writer)
2009	Network TEN	<i>7PM Project</i> (Panellist)
2009	Foxtel	<i>Nickelodeon Kids Choice</i> <i>AwardsPresenter</i> 2009
	NZ TV3	<i>Campbell LIVE</i> (Guest)
2009	NZ TV3	<i>Seven Days</i> (Contestant)
2009	Nine Network	<i>EJ Whitten Legends Game</i> (Participant)
2009	ABC TV	<i>Spicks and Specks</i> (Contestant)
2008 - 2009	Network TEN	<i>Before The Game</i>
2008	Comedy Channel	<i>The Merrick and Rosso Show</i> (Guest)
2008	Nine Network	<i>EJ Whitten Legends Game</i> (Participant)
2008	ABC TV	<i>Spicks and Specks</i> (Contestant) (as Bryan “Strauchanie” Strauchan)
2008	Network TEN	<i>ING 2008 Australia Vodafone</i> <i>Celebrity Challenge Grand Prix</i> (Competitor)
2007	ABC-TV	<i>Spicks and Specks</i> (Contestant)
2007	Network TEN	<i>NAB AFL Rising Star Awards</i> (Bryan “Strauchanie” Strauchan co-host)
2007	Network TEN	<i>Melbourne Comedy Festival Gala</i> (Host)
2007	Network TEN	<i>Thank God You’re Here</i> (Contestant)

2004 – 2007	Network TEN	<i>Before The Game</i> (Core Cast Member and Writer)
2000 – 2009	Network TEN	<i>Rove [Live]</i> and <i>ROVE</i> (Core Cast Member & Writer)
2006	Network TEN	<i>Australia's Brainiest Comedian</i> (Contestant)
2006	ABC TV	<i>The Glass House</i> (Guest)
2006	Network TEN	<i>Brownlow Awards</i> (Bryan "Strauchanie" Strauchan – Red carpet coverage)
2005	ABC TV	<i>The Glass House</i> (Guest)
2003	Network TEN	<i>skitHOUSE</i> (Core Cast Member & Writer)
2003	Network TEN	<i>After The Game</i> (Host & Writer)
2002	Network TEN	<i>North Melbourne Grand Final Breakfast</i> (Host)
2000 & 2002	TEN/Nine Network	<i>Melbourne Comedy Festival Gala</i> (Stand Up Appearance x 3)
1999	Network TEN	<i>Sydney Comedy Festival Gala</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
1999	Network TEN	<i>Good News Week</i> (Panellist)
1999	Nine Network	<i>rove</i> (Core Cast Member & Writer)
1999	ABC TV	<i>O'Loghlin On Saturday Night</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
1998	Nine Network	<i>IMT</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
1997 – 1998	Channel 31 (Melb)	<i>The Loft</i> (Core Cast Member & Writer)
1997	thecomedychannel	<i>Headliners</i> (Stand Up Appearance)
1997	Channel 31	<i>Under Melbourne Tonight</i> (Stand Up Appearance)

## Radio

2011	Classic FM (melb)	<i>The Cheap Seats</i> (weekly Saturday Morning sports show with Scott Cummings)
2011	Nova 100	Breakfast host with Kate (fill in for Hughesy)
2010	Nova (national)	Regular cohost on Nova National Drive <i>Ryan, Monty &amp; Whippa</i>
2008 – 2009	Triple M Austereo	" <i>Pete &amp; Myf</i> " Breakfast host with Myf Warhurst
2007	Nova 100 (Melb)	Breakfast Host with Hughesy (filling in for Kate for 2 months)
2006-2007	Nova 100 (Melbourne)	Breakfast with Hughsey and Kate (weekly guest spot)
2006	Nova 969 (Sydney)	Breakfast Host with Rove McManus (filling in for Merrick and Rosso for 3 weeks)
2006	SAFM (Adelaide)	Breakfast with Millie, Lehmo and Louie (Strauchanie - weekly guest during AFL Season)
2005	Austereo Network	<i>Pete's Show</i> (Host)
2005	Austereo Network	<i>The Arvo</i> (Co-host)
2004	2 DAY FM (Sydney)	<i>The Judith Lucy Show</i> (Co-Host)
2004	Austereo Network	<i>Rove [Live]</i> Radio (Core Team)

2001 – 2003	Austereo Network	Member) <i>Saturday Morning Rove</i> (Core Team Member)
2000	Triple J	<i>Merrick and Rosso</i> (Regular Guest)
1999	Triple J	<i>Merrick and Rosso</i> (Pete PI Segment)
1998	Triple J	<i>Hair Of The Dog</i> (Regular Guest)
1997 – 98	Syndicated	<i>Home Grown Humour</i> (Stand Up Appearances)

\*\* Peter has also made various publicity appearances on a variety of radio networks.

## Live Shows

2011	<i>Peter Helliars World of Balls – Solo Show</i> Adelaide Fringe Festival, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, New Zealand Comedy Festival
2010	<i>Peter Helliars Dreamboat Tour – Solo show</i> Sydney Opera House, Adelaide Fringe Festival, Brisbane Comedy Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Darwin Festival, Astor Theatre – Perth, Campbelltown Arts Centre
2007	<i>Hellraiser – Solo Show</i> Adelaide Fringe Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, New Zealand Comedy Festival
2006	<i>Frisky – Solo Show</i> Adelaide Fringe Festival, Melbourne Comedy Festival (return season), Auckland – Sky City.
2005	<i>Frisky – Solo Show</i> Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne & Perth
2004	<i>Lovely Jubbly – Solo Show</i> Adelaide Fringe
2003	<i>Lovely Jubbly – Solo Show</i> Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Sydney Opera House
2002	<i>Thinking Out Loud – Solo Show</i> Adelaide Fringe, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Adelaide Cabaret Festival
2001	<i>Peter Helliars Autumn Catalogue – Solo Show</i> Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2001	<i>Rove [Live] Live – with Corinne Grant &amp; Rove McManus</i> Riverside Theatre – Parramatta, Twelfth Night Theatre – Brisbane, Regal Theatre – Perth
2000	<i>Kokomo Or Bust – Solo Show</i> Melbourne International Comedy Festival
2000	<i>Rove [Live] Live – with Corinne Grant, Dave Callan &amp; Rove McManus</i> Hi-Fi Bar – Melbourne, Metro – Sydney
1999	<i>The Cast Of rove Live – with Corinne Grant, Dave Callan &amp; Rove McManus</i> Prince Patrick Hotel – Melbourne
1999	<i>Shame: The College Years – with Rove McManus, Kim Hope &amp; Adam Richard</i> Melbourne International Comedy Festival
1999	<i>This Much Is True – Solo Show</i>

- Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Adelaide Fringe  
2000  
1998 *Shame* – with Adam Richard, Kim Hope & Rove McManus  
Melbourne International Comedy Festival

### **Other Notable Live Work**

- 2011 Coogee Comedy Festival – Selinas - Sydney  
2008 Jason Alexander's Comedy Spectacular - The Palms at  
Crown Casino - Melbourne  
2008 Spicks and Speck-tacular (Melbourne International Comedy  
Festival remix) – The Comedy Theatre, Melbourne  
2007 The Big Finale – Hobart Comedy Festival Gala (Headline  
Stand Up Spot)  
2006 Canteen Comedy Gala (Stand Up Spot), Hordern Pavilion,  
Sydney  
2006 Fantasea Reef Festival, Whitsundays QLD - Peter Helliar  
LIVE  
2006 Sale Water Water Festival – VIC - Peter Helliar LIVE  
2006 RAW Comedy Victorian State Final (Host)  
2002 Apollo Bay Music Festival  
2002 Big Laugh Comedy Festival, Parramatta  
2002 St. Kilda Film Festival (Host)  
2001 Offshore Festival  
2000 Offshore Festival  
1999 & 2000 Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow

\*\* Peter is in high demand as a stand up comedian and has headlined in virtually every major venue across the country.

### **Film**

- 2010 *I Love You Too* - Village Roadshow  
Written and co-produced by Pete with Laura Waters and  
directed by Daina Reid. Starring Brendan Cowell, Peter  
Dinklage, Yvonne Strahovski and Megan Gale.

### **Writing**

- 2010 Film "*I Love You Too*" released by Village Roadshow 2007

Book title: "*Bryan Strauchan: My Story*" as told by Peter

Helliar and Paul Calleja. Published by Allen & Unwin

- 1994 Peter wrote the screenplay for *Looking Through A Mortal*

*Lens*, which was shortlisted by the AFC under the New Screen

Writer's Scheme.

## Awards

- 2009 The Logie Award for Most Popular Light Entertainment Program – *ROVE*
- 2007 Comedian of the Year – GQ Magazine “Men of the Year” Awards
- 2005 AFL Personality of the Year (as Bryan Strauchan)
- 2005 The Logie Award for Most Popular Light Entertainment Program – *Rove Live*
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- 2003 The Logie Award for Most Popular Light Entertainment Program – *Rove Live*
- 2002 The Logie Award for Most Popular Light Entertainment Program – *Rove Live*
- 1999 Comedy song *Bevan The Musical* was voted 35 in the Triple J Hottest 100.

## Recordings

- 2006 Release of “*Strauchanie - Pure B.S*” DVD distributed by Paramount Home Entertainment
- 2010 Release of “*I Love You Too*” DVD distributed by Roadshow

## Podcast

- 2011 *Helliar and Hammo Dig Flicks!* Peter Helliar & Justin Hamilton discuss their favourite topic – movies!

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