

# HEATH FRANKLIN



As 'Chopper', Heath Franklin is an Australian cultural and comedy icon. With his own TV show, four live comedy specials, 2 ARIA nominations, 1 Logie nomination and over 500,000 tickets sold worldwide, Chopper has nearly done it all.

The man behind the tats and 'stache, Heath Franklin, is an Australian actor, comedic performer, improviser and writer. Franklin made his television debut on the sketch show, The Ronnie Johns Half Hour, from where his comedic impersonation of real-life criminal Mark 'Chopper' Read, became an international cult hit. In 2006, Franklin's talent was rewarded with the nomination an Australian TV Logie award, the inaugural Graham Kennedy Award for Most Outstanding New Talent. Since 2007, he has toured Chopper across the country, and around the world, culminating in 2018, when Heath was awarded the Comedians Choice Award - The Piece of Wood Award - at The Melbourne International Comedy Festival for his sell-out, international tour 'Bogan Jesus'.



As Chopper, he created and performed the variety show, Chopper's Republic of Anzackistan (TV3/Network 10) in 2015, and featured in his own segment, Chopper's Weekly Review, on the Triple M Network's, Merrick and Australia drive show. Since 2009, he has also been a season regular on NZ's news panel show, 7 Days (TV3).

As himself, Heath Franklin has guest starred in numerous Australian comedies, such as Thank God You're Here, Drunk Histories and Review with Myles Barlow, as well as being regular cast in Best Bits (Seven), Wednesday Night Fever (ABC), How Not to Behave (ABC) and Randling (ABC). In 2010, Heath Franklin made his feature film debut in the lead role of 'Mervyn Toeback', alongside Jemaine Clement (of NZ's Flight of the Conchords) in the black comedy feature film, Predicament. He turned his hand to drama when he appeared Jane Campion's mystery drama series, Top of the Lake (ABC).

Heath is currently working on new TV and stage projects, and is a highly sought after corporate event speaker. In 2020, Heath Franklin's Chopper tours his brand new show "The Silencer" around Australia.

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## REVIEWS

'Australia's funniest comedy character.' ★★★★★ Sunday Mail

'Franklin is a true comedy talent.' ★★★★★ The Age

## AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

**WINNER** The Piece of Wood Award – Melbourne Comedy Festival 2018

**NOMINEE** Best International Guest – New Zealand Comedy Guild 2010

**NOMINEE** Best Comedy Release – ARIA Awards 2010

**NOMINEE** Graham Kennedy Award for Most Outstanding New Talent TV Logie Awards 2006

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