

# 5 Minutes With Rob Brough

Rob Brough has been a familiar face on afternoon television for the last 25 years, with many viewers tuning in for their evening news. He chats to **JANESSA EKERT** about his career, favourite gig and the importance of local news.

**You have had an impressive and diverse career spanning both radio and television, what has been your favourite television gig so far, and why?** I've been very fortunate in that everything I've done has felt right at the time so I don't really have any favourites. However, the years I worked in sport covering State of Origin were something really special.

**What do you like most about your job?** I love the intimacy of broadcasting. To me it's just like sitting down with an old friend and having a chat.

**Why is local news so important?** It tells us what is going on in our own backyard. It provides a forum for us to bring to light issues that affect all of us and we get a chance to acknowledge those who are achieving and making a wonderful contribution to our local communities.

**What is the biggest challenge you have faced in your career and how did you overcome it?** Probably working with film when I began my first job in television sport with ABC. I was lucky to have some very experienced people around me and I wasn't afraid to ask questions and use a bit of initiative.

**What transition, if any, was there from being the host of Family Feud to reading the local news across central and north Queensland?** Having already presented sport on the 6pm news for a number of years before hosting Family Feud I didn't have much of a problem. There's just no studio audience on the news.

**If you weren't in television what would be your dream job?** Coaching rugby league in the NRL.

**What are your interests outside of work?** Rugby league, over the past 10 years I've run a school of excellence program, coached men's A grade, juniors, the south east Queensland women's rep team and women's club football. I love a whole host of sports, but I especially love the times playing touch footy and surfing with our children Jessie and Tyson, I also coached Tyson in rugby league from under sevens to A grade.

**If you could invite four people to dinner (not including family or friends) who would they be and what would you pick their brains about?** Mohammed Ali, just to be in his company would be unforgettable. Nelson Mandela, I would love to hear him talking about never giving up on his dream. For him the tide was always going to come back in. Craig Bellamy (Melbourne Storm Coach), I would just love to talk footy with him and find out what he'd picked up from his recent tour of the US where he visited a number of NFL teams. Brett Farve – (former quarter back with the Packers and now with the Jets), the Green Bay Packers are my favourite American gridiron team so we'd have plenty to discuss. Plus, I'd love to know how he feels standing in the pocket with those monsters about to blitz him. Can I also give an honorary mention to Brazilian model Isabella Fontana who almost made the list. CL

