

# Graeme Sinclair

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Graeme Sinclair was born in Christchurch, New Zealand on 19 March 1956. He is presently Managing Director of Frontier Television (NZ) Ltd, producing the popular TV series “Gone Fishin”. He is married, to wife Sandra (Sandee) and has two children, James and Amelia.

Graeme continues to support Gone Fishin’s sponsors with speaking engagements, hosting fishing trips, function MC, product and sales support. This is his background and his achievements, so far...

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| <p>2017 <i>Gone Fishin’ Series 24</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Produced Ocean Bounty – 13 episode hour-long documentary series on commercial fishing.</li><li>• Continue as Patron of NZ Police Bluelight</li><li>• Speaking engagements continue.</li></ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue as Ambassador for Lifemark (<a href="http://www.lifemark.co.nz">www.lifemark.co.nz</a>)</li><li>• Speaking engagements continue including Plastics NZ, Pfizer (Zoetis), Summerset Village Nelson.</li><li>• Continue as Patron of NZ Police Bluelight</li></ul>  |
| <p>2016 <i>Gone Fishin Series 23 completed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ambassador of Auckland Seafood Festival with Masterchef Brett McGregor.</li><li>• Continue as Patron of NZ Police Bluelight</li><li>• Speaking engagements continue.</li></ul>   | <p>2012 <i>Gone Fishin Series 19 completed including filming in Norfolk Island and Samoa.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Board member of Southern Seabirds Trust</li><li>• Ambassador for Lifemark (<a href="http://www.lifemark.co.nz">www.lifemark.co.nz</a>)</li><li>• Speaking engagements continue.</li></ul>   |
| <p>2015 <i>Gone Fishin Series 22 completed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ambassador of Auckland Seafood Festival with Masterchef Brett McGregor.</li><li>• Continue as Patron of NZ Police Bluelight</li><li>• Continue as Ambassador for Lifemark (<a href="http://www.lifemark.co.nz">www.lifemark.co.nz</a>)</li><li>• Speaking engagements continue.</li></ul>  | <p>2011 <i>Gone Fishin Series 18 completed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gone Fishin radio show on hold temporarily.</li><li>• “Life on Wheels” published.</li><li>• Patron of the Royal NZ Police College Recruitment Wing 267</li><li>• Gone Fishin Series 19 begins and welcomes a brand new sponsor – TradeZone.</li></ul>   |
| <p>2014 <i>Gone Fishin Series 21 completed including filming in the Chatham Islands.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ambassador of Auckland Seafood Festival with Masterchef Brett McGregor.</li><li>• Continue as Patron of NZ Police Bluelight</li><li>• Continue as Ambassador for Lifemark (<a href="http://www.lifemark.co.nz">www.lifemark.co.nz</a>)</li><li>• Speaking engagements continue including Multiple Sclerosis Auckland fundraiser, NZ Pork, Fonterra.</li></ul>             | <p>2010 <i>Gone Fishin Series 17 continues...</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• March ’10 now hosting Carters’ Gone Fishin radio show on Radio Sport, Saturday morning’s 6–7 am solo.</li><li>• Have started selling into international markets again; more recently with 104 episodes of Gone Fishin for screening in Russia and the Baltic States.</li><li>• Gone Fishin Series 18 begins....</li></ul> |
| <p>2013 <i>Gone Fishin Series 20 completed including filming in Samoa.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Featured in documentary “Cinemability” which premiered in Hollywood in July. (<a href="http://www.CinemAbility.com">www.CinemAbility.com</a>)</li><li>• Ambassador of Auckland Seafood Festival with Masterchef Brett McGregor.</li><li>• Featured in Department of Conservation video to promote Treasure Islands project.</li><li>• Board member of Southern Seabirds Trust</li></ul> |   |

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- 2009 *Series 17 of Gone Fishin begins with a new editing facility and a total revamp.*
- Filmed with New Zealand's Prime Minister, John Key.
  - Appointed by Her Majesty the Queen, in the 2009 Queen's Birthday Honours, as a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit [MNZM]" for recognition of his services to Television.
  - Writing continues with magazine publications; Fishing Coast to Coast, New Zealand Fishing News, Australian Women's Weekly.
  - Mid 2009 commenced the Carters' Gone Fishin radio show on Radio Sport, Saturday mornings 6–7 am, co-hosting with Kent John.
  - Working on two books and several DVDs.
- 2008 *Completed Gone Fishin Series 16; including filming of South Australia's – Eyre Peninsula*
- Writing for "Fishing Coast to Coast" Magazine alongside continued contribution to "NZ Fishing News Magazine" and occasionally "Australian Women's Weekly".
  - Launched new book "Still Fishin" by Graeme Sinclair
- 2007 *Completed Gone Fishin Series 15; including filming of South Australia's – Eyre Peninsula*
- Writing for "Fishing Coast to Coast" Magazine alongside continued contribution to "NZ Fishing News Magazine"
  - Production of Antarctic documentary
  - Speaking engagements continue.
  - Birth and death of a second daughter, "Xsara" Jessica Sinclair, who lived for nearly 6 weeks.
- 2006 *Completed Gone Fishin Series 14*
- Annual Calendar continues
  - Speaking engagements continue.
- 2005 *Completed Gone Fishin Series Thirteen; including filming of Australia's Northern Territory - Arnhemland*
- "Gone Fishin The Cookbook III" published
  - Annual Calendar continues
  - Speaking engagements continue.
- 2004 *Completed Gone Fishin Series 12*
- Finished fourth Book "Gone Fishin for Big Fish"
  - Annual Calendar, including tide charts and recipes
  - Speaking engagements continue.
  - Birth of "Amelia" his first child with, and daughter to, Sandee.
- 2003 *Completed Gone Fishin Series 11*
- Carters Kids Gone Fishin initiative underway. Working with police youth education officers – Police Blue Light.
  - Speaking engagements continue.
  - "Gone Fishin The Cookbook II" published.
  - Show still running in Australia and negotiating with USA

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| <p>2002 <i>Worked on fourth book.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Completed <i>Gone Fishin</i> Series 10</li> <li>▪ Continuation of speaking circuit commitments</li> <li>▪ Continued contributions to various magazines including “NZ Fishing News Magazine”</li> <li>▪ “<i>Gone Fishin The Cookbook I</i>” published</li> <li>▪ Show continuing to screen in Australia</li> </ul>   | <p>1998 <i>The sixth series of <i>Gone Fishin</i> (26 episodes) completed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ February 1998 - TV3’s new Weatherman.</li> <li>▪ A further two series of <i>Gone Fishin</i> confirmed by TV3 for 1999 and 2000</li> <li>▪ “Graeme’s Fish Tales” a one-hour documentary screened on TV3 (Prime Time) Learned to drive a wheelchair!!</li> </ul>                                 |
| <p>2001 <i>The ninth series of <i>Gone Fishin</i> (26 episodes) completed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Published third book, “<i>Gone Fishin – In Search of the Anglers Eldorado</i>” (to commemorate 75 years since Zane Greys arrival in NZ)</li> <li>▪ Keynote speaker at 45 conferences and meetings</li> <li>▪ Fifth <i>Gone Fishin</i> sell through video completed, “<i>Snatching Snapper</i>”</li> <li>▪ Twenty one-hour specials for Fox Sport in Australia</li> <li>▪ Married Sandee.</li> </ul> | <p>1997 <i>Fishing series sold to AbSat (All French Speaking Europe); BSkyB - England, Wales, Scotland &amp; Ireland</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In addition the show continues to screen in New Zealand, Australia, USA and Air New Zealand in-flight.</li> <li>▪ Diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis</li> </ul>   |
| <p>2000 <i>Eighth series of <i>Gone Fishin</i> (26 episodes) completed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Gone Fishin</i> confirmed for another two years on TV3</li> <li>▪ Keynote speaker at 42 conferences and meetings</li> </ul>   | <p>1996 <i>Produced the fourth series of <i>Gone Fishin</i> (26 episodes).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Gone Fishin</i> sold to Australia, Holland and Air New Zealand in-flight services.</li> <li>▪ Presented the Inside New Zealand Documentary “<i>The Big Catch</i>”</li> <li>▪ The fifth series of <i>Gone Fishin</i> (26 episodes) completed.</li> <li>▪ Birth of son, “James”.</li> </ul>   |
| <p>1999 <i>New book, “<i>Gone Fishin</i>”, launched on Father’s Day</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The seventh series of <i>Gone Fishin</i> (26 episodes) completed.</li> <li>▪ “Graeme’s Biggest Fish Tales” a one-hour documentary screened on TV3 (Prime Time)</li> <li>▪ Keynote speaker at 20 conferences.</li> <li>▪ Adept wheelchair driver, angler, diver and hunter</li> </ul>  | <p>1995 <i>Produced the third series of <i>Gone Fishin</i> (26 episodes).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Filming completed for another documentary entitled “<i>Dive - Treasure from the Three Kings</i>”.</li> <li>▪ Appointed Brand Champion - to support the activities of the New Zealand Way Campaign.</li> <li>▪ Sold the fishing series to the USA</li> <li>▪ Researching second book.</li> </ul> |
|  | <p>1994 <i>Formed Frontier Television (New Zealand) Ltd</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Producer, Director, Presenter and Underwater Cameraman for 26 <i>Gone Fishin</i> episodes</li> <li>▪ Inside New Zealand documentary “<i>Fiordland - Coastline of Adventure</i>”.</li> <li>▪ Sold interests in Wild Film &amp; Television and Team Results.</li> </ul>   |

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- 1993 *Purchased an interest in a television production company, Wild Film and Television.*
- Fronted the first series of “Gone Fishin”.
  - Formed Team Results (Australasia) Ltd to separate outdoor training and tourism projects, which continued under Leisure Planners.
  - Published first book entitled “New Zealand - A Wild Place to Play”.
- 1985 *Left the Group and specialised in the development of outdoor management and team building courses.*
- Established Leisure Planners as a company promoting training, conferences (with a major activity theme), incentive programmes leaning towards the outdoor and leisure activities.
  - Planned and carried out expeditions to Fiordland, Marlborough Sounds and Three Kings Island to hunt, dive and fish as well as research subjects of historical significance.
  - Wrote numerous articles for outdoor publications both here and in Australia and continued selected guiding activities. Occasional television work including TV3’s Mobil Sport.
- 1984 *With two partners set up Blue Mountain Group (NZ) Limited*
- Handled the advertising accounts of three pharmaceutical companies, organising and guiding white water rafting trips, guiding hunters, divers and fishermen.
- 1982 *Pfizer*
- National Sales Manager
- 1981 *Pfizer*
- Training Manager
- 1979 *Joined Pfizer Laboratories*
- Sales Representative, calling on General Practitioners and Specialists.
- 1976 *Teachers Training College*
- Majoring in Physical Education
- 1974 *Professional hunter, guide, diving instructor and fisherman*

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To date Graeme is nationally involved in “Kids Gone Fishin”; a charitable event in conjunction with Police Blue Light involving a kids’ half day of fun and fishing. These events have now been running for over 16 years and are becoming increasingly popular with up to 2000 children attending.

Through his involvement with Kids Gone Fishin, Graeme has been appointed a Patron of the New Zealand Police Bluelight and is also a Wing Patron for the Royal New Zealand Police College Recruit Wing 267.

He and Sandee also donate their time to various other charities or Trusts ie Halberg Disability Sport Foundation but their focus is for NZ Blue Light.

“I just want to extend my personal thanks to you both. Your presentation was perfectly delivered and exceeded my expectations! We have some very happy client’s and sales teams as well. You are both such an inspiration and pleasure to work with ☺ I would very much like to get you back again someday, I think your message should be heard by more.” *Jennian Homes Nelson Bays 2013*

“The best of the best though was your presentation - informative, positive, hilarious and so entertaining. Thank you so much and well done. I really hope you believe you received great exposure as the feedback about you has been outstanding - you and Sandee are truly remarkable and inspiring. A huge thank you to you Graeme for being part of this event - it was a magic day.” *Multiple Sclerosis Auckland 2014*

“I just wanted to pass on my thanks for helping us facilitate Graeme Sinclair as our conference guest speaker yesterday. Graeme was simply outstanding. Many people have said he was the highlight of their day. Graeme’s story was at once spellbinding, funny, and - at times - unbearably sad. But through it all came his tenacity, courage and passion for life. No one was left untouched by his presence on this day. So thank you, and please pass on my regards to Graeme and Sandy. It was truly a pleasure to meet him and have him as part of our team event.” *Health Alliance 2014*

