

KIP WIGHTMAN DEPARTS NOVA'S BRISBANE BREAKFAST TEAM

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NOVA Entertainment announced that after an impressive 18 years with the network, Kip Wightman has made the decision to depart Nova's Brisbane breakfast team.

During his tenure with NOVA, Kip has spent 15 years as co-host of one of Brisbane's most successful breakfast shows. Over this time Nova 106.9's breakfast team have supported and entertained their listeners by creating countless special moments, from the midlife musical crisis Ash Bradnam: The Musical, to listener trips to Hawaii, NZ, Melbourne and Sydney and sending Bobbleheads 31kms into space. The team have also taken their listeners along as they pushed boundaries and smashed records with the World's longest and fastest Slip and Slide and the World Belly Flop Championships.

Kip said it was tough to hang up his mic but the time was right for him to look for new opportunities.

"It's been a privilege to hang out with the people of Brisbane over breakfast these past 15 years, but the time is right for me to switch off the alarm and consider what's next in my professional and personal life.

"Living in these strange times have made many of us reassess things, and while I've still got a lot of love for radio and broadcasting, my priorities have shifted. I've had a lot going on, some of which hasn't been easy, and breakfast radio hours aren't the best for a single Dad of a young son, so it feels right to call time on being a part of this dream team.

"I won't miss the early starts, but I will miss everyone involved with the show, and everyone across the network who has made my years at Nova a great experience. I thank everyone for their support and apologise to my neighbours for being around far more than they are used to."

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Ash, Luttsy and Susie said it would be weird to not have Kip driving the desk after all these years.

"We selfishly thought we would be broadcasting together forever, so breaking up the band was never going to be easy," the Nova Brisbane Breaky team said.

"We know that all good things must come to an end, but we look forward to calling Kip in the early hours to remind him of what he is missing."

Brendan Taylor, NOVA Entertainment's Group Program Operations Director, reflected on Kip's contribution and career at NOVA.

"It's hard to put into words the impact Kip has had on our loyal listeners and the entire team. He's been an important and influential part of Nova Brisbane from the very beginning. From all of us at Nova, I would like to thank Kip and wish him all the very best for the future," Brendan said.

Ash, Luttsy & Susie O'Neill will continue to entertain and engage their listeners as Nova 106.9's number one breakfast show in Brisbane.

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