

JON POLLARD

Professional extreme sports athlete and television experience
Professional career
1990-2003

1990 saw Jon become a pioneer within the inline skating industry owning one of the first pairs of roller blades in the country. Jon's 9 year professional career saw him heavily influence and shape the sport and culture that is freestyle inline skating through out the world today. He has also toured extensively both nationally and internationally performing half pipe and street shows with the likes of Tony Hawk, Dennis McCoy and Rick Thorne through out the USA.

Jon has performed, hosted, commentated, choreographed, produced over a 1000 live and or televised extreme sports shows involving the disciplines of skateboarding, inline skating, freestyle BMX, Freestyle Motocross, wakeboarding, snow boarding and freestyle skiing within Australia and abroad. Some of these shows include Six Flags USA dare to air tour 95-96, Planet X extreme games 1997-2001, Extreme World at Dream World 2000.

Most recently Jon introduced Break dancing into the extreme sports arena by producing and hosting the national break dancing championships for the Planet X extreme games. Consequentially this event has created precedent for Australia to be included as an official leg of the battle of the year international championships, which is now in its second year.

Jon has acted as a consultant and expert on youth culture and sub-cultural protocol to a wide range of corporations and organisations around Australia such as Planet X and the National Gallery in Canberra.

Jon can inline, skateboard, snowboard, ski, ski board, wakeboard, surf, big wave body surf, BMX, mountain bike, rock climb, sky dive, jet ski wave jump, break dance, cliff flip (current favourite), moto dirt bike, horse ride, just to mention a few and is highly capable of picking up any thing new pretty quick.

Jon is also a professional actor, presenter and artist. His acting career spans as long as his extreme sports career often fusing the two in his performances. He was most recognised for his character 'Bolton' in the Internationally acclaimed television drama series Heart Break High. Jon has hosted segments on youth programs such as Planet X and Chilli Factor. Jon has played lead and guest roles in many Australia and American television and film productions.

As an emerging Artist Jon has had great success with solo and group painting exhibitions held in the eastern suburbs of Sydney over the last 2 years.

Jon is currently in the pilot phase for producing a youth issues based television series created to inspire young Australians to achieve their highest aspirations. He has also just signed to be chief commentator and host for the Super Cross series, which commences in January 2004 on network Ten.

Jon's primary passion is inspiring young people. Extreme sports and youth culture is what he knows best. His vibrant and dynamic personality, combined with his passion for what he does is infectious.

Jon's experience as a travelled professional athlete, having had a deep involvement in the growth of extreme sports in Australia and abroad since the early 90's, combined with his extensive film and television experience is a unique and valuable package deal for any event or production that involves young people and their interests.