

WATCH AROUND WATER Ambassador

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BRENTON RAGLESS

Please introduce yourself to us...

Born in South Australia, Brenton Ragless has an extensive background in broadcast media, public relations, emergency services, meteorology, defence & tourism.

Prior to becoming a Presenter on Channel 9 in 2008, Brenton earned national media exposure in providing commentary on fires & other disasters as a spokesperson for the SA Country Fire Service as well as a fire & emergencies reporter for ABC Radio. His interest with the fire service evolved from the age of five when he tagged along with his dad to the Eden Hills CFS Brigade. On finishing Blackwood High School in 1993, Brenton followed in his father's footsteps to become an active volunteer firefighter.



Brenton & his family were also competition swimmers with the Marion Swimming Club. At age 14, a serious hip injury kept him out of the water, so instead of competing, Brenton joined his mum pool-side to announce the competitors behind the blocks. That opportunity led Brenton to a career in radio from 1994 with Adelaide's 107.9 Life FM & later, 104.9 Star FM in Albury, NSW.

In 2007, Brenton graduated from a Masters Degree in Communication at UniSA, followed by a year in Public Affairs for the Department of Defence, both in Adelaide & Canberra. Brenton earlier studied a Diploma of Business in Tourism, which led to casual work as a driver/tour guide for Grayline.

Outside of Channel 9, Brenton is a regular event host, speaker & commentator, & still provides support to the CFS as an advocate for fire safety & prevention. Brenton is an ambassador for several charitable & non-profit organisations. He also lends a hand in the preservation & promotion of Australia's railway heritage, & drives steam trains for the National Railway Museum.

Why do you support the Watch Around Water program?

"I have Mum to thank for many things – but especially for instilling in me a love for the water, which I still enjoy today as a recreational swimmer at our beaches & public pools – we are truly blessed with incredible facilities. From a lifetime of swimming & through my role at Channel 9, I am fully aware of the aquatic dangers that face children & am passionate about water safety & survival – even more so now that I have become a new parent. Swimming in Australia is a huge part of our culture & lifestyle, & education in the water is just as crucial as in the classroom. I believe supervising & swimming with your own children is not only crucial for their safety, but also an integral part of their childhood development.



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