



*THE FAMOUS PEOPLE OF  
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND*

# *Famous Australians*

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OF THE HARD ROCK BAND, AC/DC)**

**□ MIRANDA KERR (MODEL)**

**□ LIONEL ROSE (BOXER)**

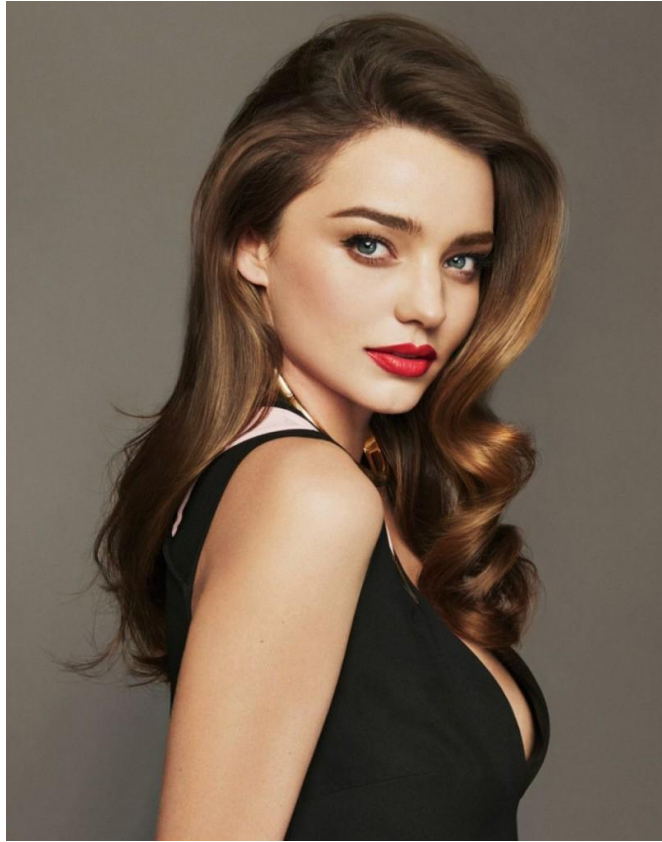
**□ KYLIE**

**MINOGUE (SINGER-SONGWRITER  
AND ACTRESS)**

# Angus Young

Angus McKinnon Young is a Scottish born Australian guitarist, songwriter and co-founder of the Australian hard rock band, AC/DC. His family migrated to Australia where he studied at Ashfield Boys High School. He dropped out of school at the age of 15. After playing in the band Kantuckee, later called Tantrum, he and his brother Malcolm formed the band AC/DC. He chose the school uniform as his signature look. Their first single was “Can I Sit Next To You”, and their debut album was “High Voltage”. Their studio album “Highway to Hell” became their best-selling album. It was overtaken by the album “Back in Black”, released as a tribute to Bon Scott, the band’s lead singer who died from alcohol poisoning. It became the second highest-selling album worldwide. The album “For Those About to Rock We Salute You” was a big success. The band’s glory was reinstated with the studio album “The Razors Edge”. With the album “Black Ice”, AC/DC finally won a Grammy for the track “War Machine”, after seven nominations. AC/DC were also inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.





# Miranda Kerr

Miranda May Kerr is a popular name and a renowned face in the international fashion realm. She is an Australian model and embarked on a modelling career when she was in her early teens. She won a local modelling contest and realised her true calling eventually pursuing her career as a model. At the very beginning of her career, she gained much popularity as a model in Australia. Miranda's ambitions to reach heights in her profession, made her travel to New York. This decision proved to be a well-made and rewarding one because she never had to look back after that.

This beautiful lady has been much admired and many huge and popular brands sought after this model to assign her for their campaigns. She has worked for big brands like Levi's, Reebok, Rock and Republic, Harper's Bazaar, Blumarine and Veet. The project which became a benchmark in her career is when she signed with the lingerie brand 'Victoria's Secret'. She follows a strict dietary and exercise regime which keeps her fit and makes her look gorgeous. She has appeared on the cover of famous magazines and has won many accolades as a model till date. This supermodel has a long way to go.

# Lionel Rose

Lionel Rose was a professional boxer from Australia who won the world bantamweight boxing championship in 1968. He became the first Aboriginal or Indigenous Australian to win a world boxing title. As a child, he grew up amidst hardships, staying in a single-roomed hut with his large family. To avoid school truancy charges, the family had to change their locality and the children's school but to no avail; Lionel disliked the strict rules at school and eventually dropped out.



In the meantime, he picked up boxing skills from his father who was a skilled fighter. At the age of 15, he fought his first amateur fight. At the age of 19, he won the world bantamweight title with a 15-round decision over Masahiko 'Fighting' Harada of Japan. He successfully retained his title thrice before being defeated by Mexican Ruben Olivares in 1969. After a while, he put on a significant amount of weight and moved up several classes to the lightweight division. During this time, he also experimented in a moderately successful singing career. He retired from professional boxing in 1976 with a career record of 42 wins of which 12 were a knockout, and 11 losses. He was the first Aboriginal to be named 'Australian of the Year' for his achievement in boxing.



# Kylie Minogue

Kylie Ann Minogue, the pride of Australia, is a renowned singer-songwriter and an actress. She started her career at a very young age with Australian television series like: 'Skyways', 'The Sullivans', 'The Henderson Kids' and 'Neighbor'. It was 'Neighbor' that helped put her on the centre stage when an English record company decided to give her a break. She has given many hit albums to the world, like: 'Kylie', 'Kylie Minogue', 'Fever', 'Rhythm of Love', 'Body Language', etc.

She has worked in many movies as well. Her concerts are considered to be iconic and she is a style icon all over the world. Her energy and conformability in sexually portraying herself has led people and media to constantly compare her with Madonna. Where Madonna is known as the 'Queen of Pop', Kylie is called the 'Princess of Pop'. She has been a victim of breast cancer and fought with it bravely and survived. After her recovery she made it a point to talk about her fight with cancer to the media to give more courage and inspiration to the people struggling with cancer.

# *Famous New Zealanders*

□ **RUSSELL CROWE (ACTOR,  
PRODUCER, MUSICIAN)**

□ **RACHEL HUNTER (MODEL, ACTRESS)**

□ **PETER JACKSON (FILM DIRECTOR,  
PRODUCER & SCREENWRITER)**

# RUSSELL CROWE



Russell Ira Crowe is a New Zealand film actor, producer and musician. He is mostly based in Australia and America, and became famous worldwide with perhaps the most brilliant film of his career, 'The Gladiator', for which he was honored with an Academy Award. Crowe started his acting career when he was young and left New Zealand, where he was born and brought up, for Australia. There he first started to appear in small roles on the television and later ventured into the Australian feature films. But his position as an A-list Hollywood celebrity quickly escalated when he did movies like, 'Gladiator', 'A Beautiful Mind', 'American Gangster', etc.

He is not just an actor but also a musician of great talent and has been associated with many Australian and Canadian bands. He starred and sang as 'Javert' in the British-American epic adventure movie by Ridley Scott, 'Les Miserables'. For his exceptional service to Australian society and Australian film production, Crowe has been honored with the Australian Centenary Medal by the Australian government.



# RACHEL HUNTER

Rachel Hunter is a New Zealand supermodel and actress; she is one of the most photographed international cover models in the world. Born in Auckland, she burst into the international fashion industry at the age of 17 after being shortlisted by a modeling agency. Shortly after, she quickly rose to prominence after posing as a 'Sports Illustrated' model and soon emerged as one of the most stunning international cover models in the world. Apart from modeling, she took acting lessons and started her career with several television appearances and quickly made the transition into feature films as well as independent films. Not only is she one of the most photographed international cover models in the world, she also has numerous acting credits including appearances on popular US television programs, music videos and feature films. She is a staunch supporter of Born Free Foundation and a keen supporter of the Breast Cancer Campaign, and has been actively involved in the welfare activities. She has been a household name in New Zealand and overseas ever since she was a teenaged model.



# PETER JACKSON



For movie buffs and film aficionados, Peter Jackson is the real 'King Kong' of filmmaking. He is the director of the world renowned films such as 'The Lord of the Rings' trilogy, 'The Hobbit' trilogy and 'King Kong'. The bug of filmmaking bit Jackson when he was very young. Inspired by the classic cinema, he aspired to become a filmmaker and at the age of 12, made his first attempt at the same by making a remake of 'King Kong'. He turned professional in 1987 with the release of his debut venture, 'Bad Taste'. No sooner, he gained a cult status among his fans for his low budget splatter movies. Impregnated with novel ideas and futuristic thinking, he achieved much fame and appreciation for 'Heavenly Creatures'. However, this was just the beginning of a long-lasting legacy!

He then worked to come up with the film adaptation of JRR Tolkien's 'The Lord of the Rings' which created history. His childhood dream of making a remake of 'King Kong' realized in 2005. Other than being a director, he has also donned the hat of a screenwriter and producer for his flicks. He has been involved in a number of charitable works as well.

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