

# Graeme Sinclair

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*Graeme 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".*

*Graeme is married, to wife Sandra (Sandee) and has two children James and Amelia.*

## **Graeme's background and achievements are as follows:**

- 1974** Professional hunter, guide, diving instructor and fisherman
- 1976** Teachers Training College - Majoring in Physical Education
- 1979** Joined Pfizer Laboratories as a Sales Representative, calling on General Practitioners and Specialists.
- 1981** Pfizer - Training Manager
- 1982** Pfizer - National Sales Manager
- 1984** With two partners, set up Blue Mountain Group (NZ) Limited, handling the advertising accounts of three pharmaceutical companies, organising and guiding white water rafting trips, guiding hunters, divers and fishermen.
- 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.

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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".

**1994** Formed Frontier Television (New Zealand) Ltd - Producer, Director, Presenter and Underwater Cameraman for 26 Gone Fishin episodes and an inside New Zealand documentary "Fiordland - Coastline of Adventure".

Sold interests in Wild Film & Television and Team Results.

Produced the third series of Gone Fishin (26 episodes).

Filming completed for another documentary entitled "Dive - Treasure from the Three Kings.

Appointed Brand Champion - to support the activities of the New Zealand Way Campaign.

Sold the Gone Fishin series to the USA

Researching second book.

**1996** Produced the fourth series of Gone Fishin (26 episodes).

Gone Fishin sold to Australia, Holland and Air New Zealand in-flight services.

Presented the Inside New Zealand Documentary "The Big Catch"

The fifth series of Gone Fishin (26 episodes) completed.

Birth of son, "James".

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**1997** Fishing series sold to Ab Sat (All French Speaking Europe);  
BSkyB - England, Wales, Scotland & Ireland

In addition the show continues to screen in New Zealand, Australia,  
USA and Air New Zealand in-flight.

Diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis

**1998** The sixth series of Gone Fishin (26 episodes) completed.

February 1998 - TV3's new Weatherman.

A further two series of Gone Fishin confirmed by TV3 for 1999 and  
2000

"Graeme's Fish Tales" a one-hour documentary screened on TV3  
(Prime Time)

Learned to drive a wheelchair!!

**1999** New book, "Gone Fishin", launched on Father's Day

The seventh series of Gone Fishin (26 episodes) completed.

"Graeme's Biggest Fish Tales" a one-hour documentary screened on  
TV3 (Prime Time)

Keynote speaker at 20 conferences.

Adept wheelchair driver, angler, diver and hunter

**2000** Eighth series of Gone Fishin (26 episodes) completed

Gone Fishin confirmed for another two years on TV3

Keynote speaker at 42 conferences and meetings

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- 2001** The ninth series of Gone Fishin (26 episodes) completed
- Published third book, "Gone Fishin – In Search of the Anglers Eldorado" (to commemorate 75 years since Zane Greys arrival in NZ)
- Keynote speaker at 45 conferences and meetings
- Fifth Gone Fishin sell through video completed, "Snatching Snapper"
- Twenty one-hour specials for Fox Sport in Australia
- Married Sandra (Sandee).
- 2002** Worked on fourth book.
- Completed Gone Fishin Series 10
- Continuation of speaking circuit commitments
- Continued contributions to various magazines including "NZ Fishing News Magazine"
- "Gone Fishin The Cookbook I" published
- Show continuing to screen in Australia
- 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
- 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.

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**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.

**2006** Completed Gone Fishin Series 14

Annual Calendar continues

Speaking engagements continue.

**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 second daughter "Xsara" Jessica Sinclair, who lived for nearly 6 weeks.

**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

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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.

Currently working on two books and several DVDs.

**2010** Gone Fishin Series 17 continues...

March '10 now hosting Carters' Gone Fishin radio show on Radio Sport, Saturday mornings 6-7 am solo.

Have started selling into international markets again; more recently with 104 episodes of Gone Fishin for screening in Russia and the Baltic States.

Gone Fishin Series 18 continues....

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Graeme continues to support show sponsors with speaking engagements, hosting fishing trips, function MC, product and sales support, etc.

Graeme is also nationally involved in attending "Carters Kids Gone Fishin"; a charitable event in conjunction with Carters, the major show sponsor and Police Blue Light involving a kids' half day of fun and fishing. These events have now been running for 14 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 Police Light.