

Classic comedy, from his own working life and from that of others, is a favourite of this radio voice

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1 Spinal Tap

This is the *Spinal Tap* laser disc. I'm such a film nerd, I was into *Spinal Tap* right from the start. Laser disc is to DVD what vinyl was to CD. This is *The Criterion Collection: This is Spinal Tap*, and I think you had to go into a speakeasy to buy it back in the '90s. It's got the actors talking as themselves, and I got it autographed by Derek Smalls, the bass player. I stalked Harry Shearer, who played Derek, for ages to get it.



2 Registration plate

I'm a huge fan of Vic Damone, the 1960s lounge singer. I don't think you're meant to muck around with the VIC in the number plate, but there's a huge request from people wanting Vic Bitter on their number plates. My Vic Damone slipped through the net. It's not on my car, though. Some fans of old lounge singers might steal it.

3 Menu memento

Like many people in Melbourne I've never really recovered from the closure of the Continental Cafe, in Prahran. Everyone misses the shows and the carbonara. It was a great place to catch a band and see comedians. We need a new comedy venue like it. Mick Molloy performed at the Conti three weeks before it closed, and I'm not sure the two events are unrelated.

>> **snapshot**

>> **Occupation** Co-host of *Get This on Triple M* >> **Born** Te Kuiti, New Zealand >> **Educated** Hamilton Boys' High School, New Zealand
 >> **Career highlight** Having the *Martin/Molloy Show* on 54 radio stations for four years across the country.



8 Ed
 Ed Kavalee is co-host of *Get This*. I found Ed living in the back of one of the station's Black Thunder vehicles, living off prize packs and listening to Shannon Noll CDs. Ed lied and said he could work the panel on a radio show but it became apparent he couldn't after a run of on-air silence. He prides himself on eating a complete three-course meal during the show. We get on well, and have a lot of fun every morning.

4 Bargearse T-shirt

One of the most popular features of *The Late Show*, on TV in the early '90s, was when we dubbed over episodes of the crime show *Bluey*, but we never did any merchandising for it. At one point, though, there were about three illegal Bargearse T-shirts on the market. We then had a dream that the Bargearse label could be the biggest name in fashion, and you could see the 2006 Bargearse collection in Paris. People still yell out from passing cars lines from Bargearse to me as I walk down the street.



5 Recorder and notebook

These are the essential tools of trade for the show. I've got about 150 notebooks in storage full of bad jokes going back to the 1980s. My old-style mini-disc recorder lets me record sketches at home. My wife is used to hearing me talking to myself in the early hours of the morning, speaking into the recorder.

6 Photo

This is one of the few *The Late Show* souvenirs I have. Sink the Slipper was a segment we did for a year, where we kicked the behind of celebrities. It was a stunt backside, often belonging to Santo Cilauro. We did *The Late Show* for a couple of years. It wasn't particularly high rating, but people still go on about it.

7 Bee the dog

This is our labrador and she's seven and a half. We're hoping she stops eating soon, because she's fast turning into what we call "the coffee table". Her back will get so wide soon we'll get up one day to see an asstray on it and a range of magazines fanned out across it. A dog's got to go on a diet when you start putting the remote controls on her back. She has had an acting role, though. She played John Clarke's dog in the TV show *The Games*. Labs are great in comedy shows because they'll laugh at anything.



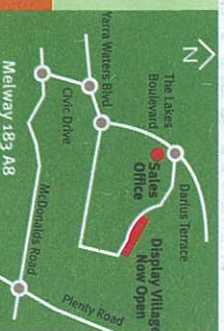
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