



Shane Monopoli, born 29<sup>th</sup> of November 1959, in Adelaide South Australia, Height 188cm, Weight 100kg, I now reside on the Gold Coast and also have a home on the Mornington Peninsular in Melbourne. In my younger years I worked in Gymnasiums as a gym and aerobic instructor, then later as a gym manager. I was a successful competitive Bodybuilder for many years, and then at the age of 36 started training for the 2000 Olympic Games as a Sprint Water Kayaker. I got married in 1983 and soon after had a change of career from Gymnasiums to a Professional Photographer. My photography business has been very successful since then, which has been over 35 years and goes under the name of Exclusive Photography. (Go to <https://exclusivephotography.com> )

During the years in my photography business I won many Australian and International Awards, and in 1986 I won Australian Photographer of the Year, which then launched me into television, where I would do regular appearances on morning television with many different presenters, but spent most of my years spent working with Bert Newton. I worked on television for over 30 years, so I am very comfortable in front of the camera as well as behind the camera. (Go to <http://shanemonopoli.com.au> )

Another industry I also got involved with, during my years in photography was the music industry. This came about during my training for the Olympics in 2000, as I wrote a song that became the official song for the Australian Athletes for the Sydney 2000 Games. I have been around music all my life as I play guitar and love the creative aspect of writing songs, and in photography creating amazing images. (Go to <http://heavenmusic.com.au> )

Now at the age of 60, I am challenging myself once again and venturing into acting. I have worked with many high profile celebrities and enjoyed the time we spent sitting around talking about acting and how the movie industry works, as I am a huge fan of great movies, and fascinated in the production of how they come together.

I still paddle 10km everyday in my K1 kayak as well as working out in the gym, as I like to keep myself in top shape. I have been very successful in all my endeavours, so I look forward to where this new chapter in my life takes me.

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