

Michael Short – Writer/Interviewer/Producer



Biography

Michael Short created The Zone in April 2010. Published in *The Age* and across Fairfax Media's digital platforms, The Zone is an interview-based, multimedia package that examines ideas and the people behind them. He launched The Zone after spending four years on the newspaper's editorial board and after a year as editor of new media, as well as overseeing production and pictorial. Michael rejoined *The Age* as executive editor – business, in March 2005, having worked at the newspaper in various roles in the 1980s and early 1990s. Since late 2002, when he returned from 10 years in Paris, he had been in charge of the Melbourne operations of *The Australian Financial Review*.

During his 25-year career, he has worked in print, radio and television in Australia, the USA and Europe, including a scholarship with the Paris-based Journalists in Europe Foundation.

“The treatment in recent years by Australia's political leaders and national governments has been disappointing to the point of shameful. It reflects poorly on the political class, but it does not accurately reflect the true Australian character, which embraces fairness, decency and justice - for all. This is a nation whose modern strength and hues have been created by people from diverse national and cultural backgrounds. The Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, a group of people coming together to help and support some of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable people, is an inspiring example of the authentic Australia. The ASRC is also a beacon of rationality and truth in a debate littered with disingenuous and false utterances, primarily from people we elect to make enlightened laws.”

