

# Timmy Byrne

*Melbourne dance music pioneer, Kiss FM founder, and vinyl-slinging radio icon* 🎧🎵

## Biography

Timmy Byrne is a Melbourne-based DJ, radio host, and founder of Kiss FM Australia, with over 30 years of experience shaping the country's underground dance music scene<sup>1</sup>.

He began his career as resident DJ at seminal Melbourne venues including The Underground, Redhead, and Saratoga, before expanding into festival programming and radio broadcasting<sup>1</sup>. Byrne was instrumental in launching \*Kiss My Grass\*, a nationally celebrated all-Australian electronic music festival, curating over 60 DJs and 15 live acts annually for five years<sup>1</sup>.

In 2003, Byrne travelled to Kabul to help establish Arman FM, Afghanistan's first commercial radio station post-Taliban, which went on to become the country's most listened-to station<sup>1</sup>.

As station manager and music director of Kiss FM, Byrne has built a listener-supported institution that reaches over 99,000 weekly FM listeners in Melbourne and 30,000 online streams across 150 countries<sup>5</sup>. His flagship show \*The Beautiful Drive\* airs Tuesday to Friday, featuring interviews and guest mixes from artists like Carl Cox, Boy George, NERVO, Nile Rodgers, Frankie Knuckles, and Honey Dijon<sup>4</sup>.

Timmy's passion for music, community, and independent broadcasting continues to drive his work—both behind the decks and behind the mic.

## Gigs & Festivals Played

\* The Underground – Melbourne residency<sup>1</sup> \* Redhead – Melbourne residency<sup>1</sup> \* Saratoga – Melbourne residency<sup>1</sup> \* Big Day Out – national festival<sup>1</sup> \* Summadayze – Melbourne festival<sup>1</sup> \* Kiss My Grass – festival curator & performer<sup>1</sup>

## News & Media Links

\* [Timmy Byrne Host Profile – Kiss FM](#) \* [Guy Perryman Interview – Buzzsprout, 2024](#) \* [Radio Station PRO Interview – 2021](#)

## Notes

\* Co-founder and operator of Kiss FM with Kate Wignell. \* Bachelor's Degree in Media and Japanese. \* Known for extensive vinyl and digital catalogue.

## Links to external sites or press kits

\* <https://kissfm.com.au/host/timmy-byrne> \* <https://gofundme.com/f/kissneedsyou>