



Stu began his real estate career in 2001, and after seeing a need for a dedicated professional auction service in Sydney's booming North West he launched his namesake company, Benson Auctions, in 2010. Stu's local auction experience is unrivalled, having called over 5,000 Hills based auctions to date. No one auctions more property throughout the region than him for a reason – he's backed and booked by the biggest names in the industry, and together they lay claim to nearly every street, suburb and area record achieved under the hammer in the Hills.

When it comes to calling auctions, Stu's strategy and style is something that immediately sets him apart from other auctioneers, and is something that is most often commented on by agents and spectators alike. Not only does he ensure that the bidding starts where it should, he confidently dictates bidding increments at each and every auction, a command of the craft that ensures that he maintains control of the flow and the tempo at all times. In the auction game there are order takers, and there are professionals who take a firm hold of proceedings. Few do it better than Stu.

A familiar face to television audiences since appearing on Channel Nine's hit reality series 'The Block' Triple Threat, paired with fan favourites Ayden & Jess he was able to secure their apartment \$665K above reserve. Stu has also appeared as an auctioneer on Channel Seven's Under the Hammer and Better Homes and Gardens: Renovation Rescue programs, and also regularly provides his market commentary on Weekend Sunrise, network news, and National media publications such as Domain and Elite Agent Magazine.

A Finalist in 2015, 2016 and 2017, Stu was deservedly awarded REB's top honour when he was named the real estate industry's **2018 Australian Auctioneer of the Year** at a star studded event at The Star in July. A regular on the charity auction circuit, Stu continues to help raise hundreds of thousands of dollars annually for charities like Heart Kids NSW, Westmead Children's Hospital, The Sanctuary Women's Shelter and BlackDog Institute to name a few.

Having attended Kellyville Public School and then Crestwood High School, Stu has called the Hills District home for all of his 38 years. Being truly invested in the Hills means that every auction result matters. He and wife Alison currently reside in Kellyville with their 4 young children, Georgia, Charlie, Indiana and Henry, and their many sporting and extracurricular activities keep them very busy.