

Keynote Speakers

Cheryl Kernot

As one of the foremost Australian role models for young women, Cheryl Kernot highlighted the contribution made by women climbing the ladder of success. The most popular chief of any Australian political party, she became AD leader after 81% of the full membership elected her in May 1993. She was the party's representative in a Young Political Leaders' exchange tour of the U.S. in 1986, and in 1990 she was elected to the Senate on her fourth attempt. In late 1993 Kernot was heavily involved in the successful passage of the historic Native Title (Mabo) legislation, acting as a behind-the-scenes negotiator between the government, the Senate independents, and Aboriginal groups.

Anne Maree Huxley

Anne-Maree Huxley is a highly regarded business and community leader with success across a range of industries from telecommunications, sponsorship, property and financial services to social enterprise, media, tourism, event management, consumer products and communication who repeatedly creates business success stories. Anne-Maree is passionate about making a difference in the world teaching business and the community about leadership and how to invest wisely, so we can all enjoy tomorrow!

Paul Smith

Paul Smith is a respected sports psychologist, corporate trainer, public speaker, relationship counsellor and therapist. In the world of sport his individual clients have become world, national and state champions. He has also trained elite groups such as NSW Cricket (senior and junior squads), NSW Netball team (Under 21s Australian champions), NSW Rugby League clubs, Sydney Kings and West Sydney Razorbacks basketball teams, as well as the Sydney Swans.

Zac Zaharias

Zac Zaharias is one of Australia's foremost high altitude mountaineers and leader of Everest expeditions. With two failed Everest attempts behind him, and only 150m from achieving his life long dream of reaching the Everest Summit, he was turned back. How did this leader feel when three of his team reached the summit and he failed? Zac is a regular corporate motivational speaker and will inspire anyone with his amazing story

Adrian D'Hage

Adrian D'Hage is a man of many talents. Adrian was a platoon commander in Vietnam where he was awarded the Military Cross for his service. In 1994 Adrian was made a Member of the Order of Australia for his services to communications. His last appointment was the Head of Defence Planning for security of the Sydney 2000 Olympics, including defence against chemical, biological and nuclear threats. In October 2000 Adrian left the Army to pursue a writing career, moving to Italy to write his best selling book *The Omega Scroll*. His latest book 'The Beijing Conspiracy' was released in 2007.

James Castrission and Justin Jones

James Castrission (25 yrs) and Justin Jones (24 yrs) braved 10 meter swells, faced howling winds of over 50 knots, endured severe food and sleep deprivation, suffered wasting muscles and navigated adverse currents to achieve one of the last great firsts of Australian Adventure- the crossing of the Tasman Sea. Their victory has since been recognized as 'the longest Trans Oceanic expedition in a double kayak by two expeditioners', totaling to 3318 km. This is your chance to hear first hand about this incredible feat- and maybe take the first steps to your own incredible adventure!

Father Chris Riley

Father Chris Riley, founder and CEO of Youth Off The Streets, has worked with disadvantaged youth for more than 30 years in a variety of roles including teacher, youth worker, probation officer, residential carer and principal. As CEO of Youth Off The Streets, Father Riley oversees the operation of 20 programs that employ 150 people and involve more than 800 volunteers. With less than forty per cent of funding coming from government sources, Youth Off The Streets has become one of the largest youth services in Australia.