

# Sam Bailey

## Quadriplegic Farmer, Pilot, Best-selling Author & Speaker

Sam Bailey is a farmer, pilot, husband and best-selling author. He has achieved all of those from a wheelchair....and has an incredible ability to take an audience on the journey of his life.



From a childhood growing up in the Australian bush to a car accident in the outback that turned his life upside down and its aftermath, Sam tells his story in his own down-to-earth laconic style that captures the determination, grit and humour that made it possible.

He relates how he beat the odds to fulfil his life-long dream to be a farmer, learning to ride a four wheel bike; devising a hoist to get into farm machinery and ultimately learning to fly an ultralight.

Sam then found his soul mate in former Tamworth-based ABC radio Rural Reporter, Jenny Black who he proposed to "live" on regional radio. Their story appeared on ABC TV's Australian Story in 2000 with an overwhelming response and was published in April 2006 in their book 'Head Over Heels'.

After running a mixed farming property near Croppa Creek in North West NSW for 24 years, they have downsized to a small farm near Tamworth, to focus more on travelling the country to tell their story and giving inspiration to others.

They are also working towards their next big goal - called Helifirst - which entails Sam becoming the first quadriplegic in the world to fly a helicopter and flying into schools to inspire children to fulfil their own dreams and goals.

### **Testimonials**

"As a member of the First National Real Estate network, I have attended many Conferences and Conventions in all states and on a National level. At the end of Sam and Jenny's story, the entire First National audience gave a standing ovation — and that is the first time in my 13 years of membership that has been witnessed. Their story is one that will touch and change even the toughest heart.

- First National Real Estate



That was the best presentation that our clients and I have ever heard. It really inspired all of us and I can't tell you the gratitude felt in the room after the talk. It lifted all of us to a new level and demonstrated that our lives are truly amazing just as they are. In our coaching calls this week all of our clients are still talking about the speech. The talk moved everyone in a number of ways and we all felt a variety of emotions from laughter, sadness, triumph, determination and commitment.

### - ActionCOACH Sydney

"I wish to commend Sam & Jenny Bailey for one of the most uplifting presentations we at Ray White Rural have ever had at a Conference. Sam's story, which he tells so honestly, is one which made us all appreciate what we have and also to build a belief in ourselves that we can do anything we put our minds to. I thank Sam & Jenny from my heart and wish them well.

#### - Ray White Rural

The students and staff at Marist College were privileged to hear the insights of Sam Bailey and his wife Jenny. You could have 'heard a pin drop' as 150 students sat riveted to every word. Drama, humour, wisdom - the speech had every aspect of a genuine life changing experience. A wonderful opportunity for any young person on the cusp of adulthood.

### - Marist College, Emerald

Sam absolutely captured 100% of the audience of 100 people and had their full attention for the entire presentation. No one was playing with mobile phones or any other distractions, they were all very focused on Sam and his truly remarkable story. Sam's journey is just so inspirational and I believe that everyone in the audience was touched by not only his story but also his resilience to get up and face the world again. Sam is such a positive role model and really conveyed the message that anyone can achieve whatever they want to, even in the eye of adversity. He certainly makes you take a step back and reflect on life and to realise that anything is achievable.

## - Hedweld Engineering Pty Ltd

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