

Darren Flanagan

"The Gun" behind the Beaconsfield Mine Rescue, Leadership and Mental Health Speaker

Darren 's life changed forever in 2006 when he was summoned to the Beaconsfield gold mine collapse. He operated over 70 explosives in a continuous 30-hour stretch deep underground, helping rescue two men trapped nearly 1 km below the surface. The impact of this experience ran deeper than initially realised.

Today, Darren speaks extensively to organisations of all sizes, sharing his journey of pain, trauma, hope, and resilience.

His story has taught him that conversations about these challenges can transform workplaces and organisations, proving that we have the power to spark dialogues and drive impactful change.

As a motivational speaker who covers topics including Workplace Safety, Risk Management, Mental Health, Leadership and Teamwork, Darren's mission is to empower teams through transformative lessons built upon the foundation of the Beaconsfield mining disaster.

His talks go beyond motivation; they spark change.

Darren Flanagan talks about:

RISK MANAGEMENT

Drawing from his role in the mine disaster, he underscores the necessity of "reducing risk as part of your DNA."

MENTAL HEALTH

Drawing from his own experience, particularly the mining disaster that altered the course of his life, Darren passionately discusses the real issues surrounding mental well-being.

PERSERVERANCE

By sharing the raw, emotional journey of the mine disaster, he conveys the unyielding human spirit under immense pressure, emphasising the importance of determination in tough times.

TEAMWORK



Darren crafts a narrative showcasing the unyielding strength that emerges when individuals unite to conquer extraordinary challenges.

WORKPLACE SAFETY

Darren's talks don't just emphasise the significance of risk management; he backs it up with vivid anecdotes that underscore the importance of best practices in this field.

LEADERSHIP

Centred on leadership, he uses the mining disaster experience to inspire unrelenting spirit and guide effective team communication.

Client testimonials

“ Inspiring, and emotionally gripping - what a dedicated team can achieve.

- *National Oil and Safety Conference*

“ Darren's message was such a great reminder for the team that no one is safe from mental illness, and you don't need to have experienced a significant event to suffer your own battles. We would certainly have no hesitation in recommending Darren for any business wanting to make a big impact on its people.

- *John Holland Group*

“ Met our expectations and exceeded them. Darren was very generous in sharing his personal experiences, which our staff found very moving and made a lasting impact. Exactly what our field-based staff needed to encourage them to seek support with mental health issues.

- *Tweed Shire Council*

“ Darren's presentation has been the best we have ever ran. I have never received such an overwhelming response from so many people at this site. Importantly the safety messages that Darren is able to convey in his presentation really hit the mark for what we were wanting to achieve.

- *Thales*

“ An insider's version of events of one of the most publicised mining accidents in Australia's history. Darren Flanagan's speech about his involvement with the rescue of the Beaconsfield miners is gripping from start to finish. His raw emotion takes the audience to the scene of the accident, the efforts of the team involved in the rescue and the toll that it took on the mining community. His speech is a real eye opener and a great motivational tool for anyone involved with the industry.

- *Rio Tinto*

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