

Tim Jarvis AM

Adventurer, Environmental Scientist and 2024 South Australian of the Year

Tim's childhood love of the outdoors has led to his career as an environmental scientist and in leading expeditions to some of the world's most remote places. With more than 30 years of experience in both disciplines, Tim has a wealth of knowledge about what it takes to lead teams to perform at the highest level - knowledge he regularly shares with corporate and governmental audiences around the world.

Tim's sustainability beliefs, like his approach to expeditions, are based around a pragmatic optimism - understanding the scale of the task ahead and prevailing through a combination of outcome-focused goal-setting, adaptability, resilience and good teamwork.

Tim is proud to be working closely with the South Australian government as Biodiversity Champion and advisor on the shaping of a new biodiversity act to protect the state's flora and fauna. He also provides strategic and practical sustainability advice to a range of corporate organisations, with current roles including providing environmental advice to outdoor apparel company Patagonia, for whom sustainability and brand quality are top priorities, and Vitality Ambassador for global insurance company AIA. Tim is also head of the adventure advisory panel and on the advisory board of the Australian Geographic Society.

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Tim holds Masters degrees in environmental science and environmental law and was appointed Professor of Leadership at Edith Cown University in 2024. He was conferred a Member of the



Order of Australia (AM) for services to environment, community and exploration in the 2010 Australian honours list and was voted Conservationist of the Year in 2016 by the Australian Geographic Society. Tim was named South Australia's Australian of the Year 2024.

Tim Jarvis talks about:

Leadership: By Endurance We Conquer: lessons in leadership from a lifetime of expeditions

- In his presentation (virtual or in-person) Tim will talk about the lessons learnt from both the Shackleton Epic Expedition and his current climate change awareness project 25zero to talk about leadership, problem solving, risk management, resilience, teamwork, motivation and goal setting in an organisational and personal context. In the context of the challenges the world faces as a result of the current COVID-19 pandemic, when the need for resilient and humane leadership, adaptability, motivation and team cohesion is greater than ever, Tim's observations have even more resonance.

Isolation: Coping with Isolation - lessons from a lifetime of exploration and environmentalism

- Tim's experience of isolation has taken many forms over the years, from undertaking expeditions to some of the world's remotest regions to the loneliness of working for himself, of leadership and of challenging environmental norms. In his virtual presentation, Tim will share with his online audience the coping mechanisms that he has employed in these widely ranging but surprisingly connected scenarios.

Client testimonials

“ Tim was a hit with our team! His presentation was incredibly inspiring and really resonated with everyone. Tim has an amazing ability to take his extraordinary experiences and make them relatable to the challenges we face in our everyday lives, leaving us all feeling motivated and energised. Many staff said he was one of the best speakers we've had. His engaging recount of Shackleton's Antarctic expedition and his own remarkable recreation of that journey tied in beautifully with the spirit of the day and left a lasting impression. What made Tim's presentation so memorable was how he connected his extraordinary adventures to themes of leadership, teamwork, resilience, and achieving goals. His reflections were not only inspiring but also grounded and practical, making them a perfect fit for Lutheran Care's values. The way he balanced personal storytelling with actionable insights ensured his message resonated with everyone in the room, regardless of their role.

- Lutheran Community Care

“ Tim is outstanding; he captivated the audience with his inspirational advice on leadership

under adversity and pragmatic optimism.

- Commonwealth Bank of Australia

“ Tim was absolutely fantastic. We had some comments about him being the best dinner speaker we have had in 30 years.

- Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand

“ Audiences were captivated by Tim’s story and totally engaged. They have been motivated to take the preparation and teamwork lessons Tim provides back to use within their own teams and customer engagements. We very much value Tim’s great relationship with Fujitsu.

- Fujitsu

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