

Matt Hall

Red Bull Air Race Pilot, Risk Management Expert & Motivator

Matt Hall knows there's no such thing as "you can't..."

A retired, decorated RAAF combat fighter pilot, Matt was the first and only Australian to ever compete in the Red Bull Air Race World Championships, and the first rookie in history to end his debut season on the podium. Since then, he has been on the second step of the World Championship podium several times within just a few years.



An experienced speaker, Matt talks about his own core strengths of goal setting (short, medium and long term), risk management (in all areas of life from getting shot at to career changing decisions), and prioritisation (time management). He is an outstanding motivator, a popular public speaker, mentor and role model.

More about Matt Hall:

Matt Hall is a third-generation pilot. He flew solo in a glider at age 15, got his pilot's license at 18, and has flown more than 6,000 hours in various aircraft. A decorated former Wing Commander in the Royal Australian Air Force, he was named Fighter Pilot of the Year in 1997 and became a Fighter Combat (Top Gun) Instructor.

Australia's only Red Bull Air Race pilot, Matt has also competed at international level in aerobatics, he's won the Australian Advanced Aerobatic Championship, finishing first in Freestyle and second overall in the Unlimited category. The Honourable Company of Air Pilots honoured him with the 2015 Australian Bi-Centennial Award for his outstanding contribution to aviation.

In 2009, his debut season in the Red Bull Race World Championship, Hall became the first rookie ever to stand on a race podium and on the overall podium (third). In 2015, he earned his first two race wins and was the only pilot with the persistence and skill to challenge favourite Paul Bonhomme right up to the season finale, missing the World Championship by just five points.

In 2018, following a year of building both a new aircraft and a team, Hall won successive races in Cannes, France and Chiba, Japan and was a chief protagonist in the world title hunt right through to the eighth and final round. With nothing to lose, the Aussie left no stone unturned, but at the final hurdle fell short of overcoming eventual champion Martin Šonka of the Czech Republic.

Matt Hall's fantastic story is one of a very proud Aussie who always looks forward and now says, "I



can and I will..." He is also a loving husband and family man.

Matt Hall talks about:

- **Dreams** - It is Matt's belief that people have forgotten how to Dream BIG. It nearly happened to him. He grew up believing he was going to be a pilot, though the closer he came to leaving school, the more he was steered toward a 'normal' career. It was through a chance meeting with an old Spitfire pilot, that some words were said that changed the way Matt viewed the world...and still does. Matt shares this story on "potential not used is wasted forever".
- **Goals** - Matt fully realises that big dreams are daunting, and easily dismissed. He has had many large dreams... becoming a pilot as a teenager, becoming a fighter pilot, flying the F-15E, becoming an Air Race Pilot. All of these were achieved against unbelievable odds, and Matt did it with his "small stepping stones", or goals. Matt uses his story to show how the impossible becomes reality one step at a time.
- **Team Building** - Matt has managed teams from Fighter Squadrons to an International Race Team, and fully appreciates the importance of a good team. He was milliseconds away from catastrophe a number of times in his career, and it generally came down to him and his team fighting for survival...surviving a hostile environment can only be done with great support.
- **Risk Management** - Think there's risk in your job? Well there is. Think there's risk in your day to day, everyday life? Well there definitely is. Matt has operated in risky situations most of his life but he has developed a mindset and skillset to mitigate the risk and know when too much risk is enough. It's a fine line between managed risk for reward and risk that is destined to fail. Let him apply his risk mitigation methods to your business and staff practices.
- **Rebounding from Adversity** - Matt has lost many friends in aviation accidents, has been shot at in Combat, nearly crashed an aircraft while racing, and had numerous close calls... and he keeps coming back better and stronger each time. You'll figure it out when you listen to the way he looks at life... run with risk, always have an out, learn from all errors and keep looking forward.

Client testimonials

“ Matt Hall spoke recently at our annual conference, his presentation was both enthralling and inspiring. His story of courage and perseverance captured the interest of our attendees and in fact caused many to comment on how valuable his speech was. Matt spoke with such intensity and passion, he drew the audience in and painted a vivid picture of his experiences. His determination throughout his career, although unique in its character, is something that we can all aspire to.

- **Sir Walter Group**



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