

# Gihan Perera

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## *Futurist and Keynote Speaker*

Gihan Perera is an entrepreneur, business consultant, speaker, mentor and interviewer. Since 1997, he has worked with some of Australia's highest profile thought leaders, entrepreneurs, and other change agents, helping them build strategies to thrive on and off the Internet. Thought provoking, amusing and energetic, he gives business leaders a glimpse into what's ahead - and empowers them to become change agents for the future.



## **More about Gihan Perera:**

Has COVID-19 shaken up your world? Are your people looking for leadership in this time of massive change? Do you want to be more confident and decisive in chaos and uncertainty?

Gihan Perera is a futurist, conference speaker, online presenter, and author who shows you how to be fit for the future in a fast-changing world.

For 25 years, he has worked with organisations and leaders throughout Australia, as well as in New Zealand, South Africa, the United Kingdom, Europe, Asia, and North America - helping them to thrive in a fast-changing world. Since the pandemic, he has helped people lead in uncertainty, and act with clarity and confidence through crisis, recovery, and growth.

He is the author of *"The Future of Leadership"*, *"Disruption By Design"*, *"Disrupted"*, and 10 other books.

As a speaker, he shares future trends and thought-provoking insights - delivered with interaction, engagement, and humour - that leave people feeling positive, empowered, and optimistic about their future.

Forbes magazine rated him the #5 social media influencer in the world (and #1 in Australia) in his area of expertise.

Gihan is one of Australia's leading online presenters, and has been delivering online presentations



since 2009. Citrix (the company behind GoToWebinar) engaged him to teach their clients around the world how to run better online presentations. Garr Reynolds, author of the world-renowned bestseller *Presentation Zen*, asked him to write the online presentations section for the book.

He has always taken the lead in embracing emerging technologies and trends, from his university thesis in robotics and artificial intelligence, to leading a software development team building the infrastructure for the early Internet, founding one of Australia's first Web development companies in 1996, teaching thought leaders how to create e-learning platforms, and helping business leaders with scenario planning to lead their teams into the future.

He is a Certified Speaking Professional (CSP), the only internationally recognised designation for professional speakers. His formal background is in science and technology, with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Western Australia. But he's always been interested in people and the way they communicate - and how to become fit for the future, so they embrace change, act on opportunities, and live happier lives.

### ***Gihan Perera talks about:***

#### **Fit For The Future**

- Thriving, Not Just Surviving, in a Fast-Changing World

#### **Accelerating Digital**

- High-Tech Meets High-Touch

#### **For Leadership Groups:**

#### **Disrupted**

- The Future of Leadership in a Fast-Changing World

#### **Reimagining the Workplace**

- A New Vision for The Future of Work

### **Client testimonials**

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“ You have a lot of new fans in the Bendigo family. All I have heard about is how good the day was and how engaging and energetic your keynote was.

- ***Bendigo Bank***



“ Gihan delivered an engaging and thought-provoking presentation, and moderated the panel discussion with intelligent, well-researched questions. It has been a pleasure to work with him, due to his outstanding responsiveness, effective and always reliable communications, and easy-going nature.

**- Siemens**

“ We were so pleased to have Gihan open our conference this year. He was inspiring, thought provoking and engaging - challenging us to see disruption as our chance to innovate our way into our future. He was funny and entertaining while at the same time gave us the inspiration to think ahead. In the true spirit of Pearson, he was helping us to be "always learning".

**- Pearson Education**

“ Engaging, funny and witty, with an insightful global view of business.

**- Procurement Australia**

“ Engaging, funny, insightful and inspiring, delivered with intelligence and charm.

**- Builders Coach**

“ Delivered with thought, humour and energy, Gihan shared challenging insights about the pace of change in a disrupted world.

**- TAL**

“ Gihan set a new standard for our members. Great value, his content was fresh and new, plus inspirational and aspirational all at the same time. From an organiser's perspective he was extremely efficient and effective, delivered exceptional value and made my job of delivering excellence so much easier.

**- Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP)**

“ What a fantastic opening address for our conference. Gihan is such a personable presenter, his address was engaging, interactive, thought-provoking and immensely enjoyable, with the content being relevant and regularly cited by speakers throughout the two days of the conference.

**- University of Western Australia**

“ Gihan provided a thought provoking, amusing and energetic opening to our Strategy 2017 Conference. Tailoring his insights to encourage us to embrace our ability to become 'Change



Agents' enabled our team to take a different view on where our business is headed and explore avenues to collaborate with our customers. Truly a motivational and attention-grabbing session!

**- Stockland**

“ Gihan gave our audience an engaging and entertaining presentation. Importantly he adapted his key messages for relevance to our pharmaceutical industry.

**- Pharmacy Guild of Australia**

“ Gihan was the opening speaker for our first national conference. He was interesting, entertaining and insightful, which helped set the tone for the rest of our 3-day conference. I wasn't surprised to see most attendees giving him the highest rating.

**- AMP Financial Planners Association**

“ We engaged Gihan to deliver the closing plenary for our flagship event and from the moment he spoke we wanted to hear more. He had engaging and insightful observations on society, backed up with facts and sprinkled with self-deprecating humour. A rare speaker who can entertain and educate, Gihan gave clarity and confidence to our audience, and truly aligned his message with our event's theme. We would warmly welcome Gihan back to any future event.

**- Queensland Law Society**

“ Fantastic! Feedback was all positive and I heard that people were leaving to go and get their colleagues to come. This was the best attended non-mandatory company-wide briefing we have had in the 7 years I've been here.

**- MetLife**

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