

John Bertrand AO

International Sportsman, Businessman, Philanthropist & Keynote Speaker

John Bertrand is an international sportsman, businessman and philanthropist. He mentors young aspiring Olympians and, as an exceptional keynote speaker, inspires corporates, students and community groups to achieve performance goals.

John Bertrand skippered the winged keel Australia 2 to victory over the US Defender Liberty to win the 1983 America's Cup, breaking 132 years of American domination and in the process, breaking the longest-running record in the history of modern sport.

The Confederation of Australian Sport voted the Australia 2 victory as the "greatest team performance in 200 years of Australian sport".

A multiple world champion and Olympic medalist, in 25 years of international competition John represented Australia in five America's Cup campaigns and two Olympic Games.

In 2010 he won the World Etchells class sailing championships and placed 3rd in 2012. In September 2016, he again won the World Etchell class sailing championships.

In his business career, John successfully built companies in the marine industry, property development in Australia and digital media in Silicon Valley.

John Bertrand is chairman of Pacific Star Network, owners of sports radio station SEN among various assets. He is chairman and president of Swimming Australia and chairman of the Sport Australia Hall Fame.

He holds a Mechanical Engineering degree from Monash University, a Master of Science from MIT in Boston and has an Honorary Doctorate from Victoria University. He is a Vice Chancellor Professorial Fellow at Monash University.

John was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AO) in 1985 for his services to sailing. In 2008 John Bertrand was named Melburnian of the Year. He is a member of the Sport Australia Hall of Fame and a life member of the International America's Cup Hall of Fame.



Client testimonials

“ The way John engaged and related his stories in both past and present lives and to business and life overall was sensational. Out of 10....11/10. Highly recommended.

- *Property Exchange Australia (PEXA)*

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