

Sam Cawthorn

Tasmanian, 2009 Young Australian of the Year

Sam Cawthorn is a survivor. Having been resuscitated after a major car accident that had him pronounced dead, and learnt to walk having been advised he would never walk again, he has gone on to found and lead Speakers Institute and Speakers Tribe, and author seven books. Not surprisingly, he has been recognised as a Young Australian of the Year and an Edupreneur of the Year.

Inspiring, optimistic and bursting with energy, Sam Cawthorn is one of the world's most in demand professional speakers.



More about Sam Cawthorn:

In October 2006, Sam's life changed forever. Having been resuscitated following a massive car accident, he was left with an amputated right arm and a permanent disability in his right leg. Sam was hospitalised for over five months and was told he would never walk again.

A year later he defied all odds, and took his first steps into a new life. Now an enormously successful keynote speaker, Sam has inspired audiences in 36 countries, sharing his message of resilience with millions of people and the stage with world leaders including President Bill Clinton, Michael Jordan, Richard Branson and the Dalai Lama, through his keynote speaking.

At the forefront of global trends and with the unique ability to transform impossibilities into possible realities, Sam has spent time with the Australian Federal Government as a Youth Futurist. In 2013 Sam became an entrepreneur and built his training company, Speakers Institute and Speakers Tribe, that now runs events globally, teaching people how to master communication for influence. In 2009, Sam was named Young Australian of the Year for Tasmania and in 2015 he was named Edupreneur of the Year.

Sam is a highly skilled musician, and one of the only people in the world to play guitar with an above elbow amputation. He has authored many books including an International New York Times Best Seller. It was the notion that 'story is the future' that led Sam to write his seventh book, Storyshowing.



Sam's simple yet powerful message will challenge his listeners to be truly who they are and to believe in all that they have to give. He provides the skills to be resilient, overcome fears, and to achieve goals and dreams that we that we may think are unachievable. Sam walks his talk, and it is through his experience that his authentic message is heard. After all we only have one life....

Sam Cawthorn talks about:

- Choice - choose your attitude
- Creating culture - for long-term sustainability
- Future focus - do something about it
- Opportunity is everywhere - just build a bridge

Client testimonials

“ You are the most extraordinary person that I've ever met. Your courage and will to overcome adversity is commendable. I truly feel privileged to have witnessed such an amazing talent. You are changing the world one person at a time. You've changed us.

- **Google**

“ Inspiring and entertaining. The room was transfixed by Sam's message of optimism in both business and in life.

- **CEO Citibank**

“ Very entertaining, and packed a huge punch! You have succeeded in getting the business leaders present reflecting and thinking at much deeper level for some, which could be the start of a life transforming journey...

- **Mentoring for Business Leaders**

“ Sam Cawthorn is an absolute inspiration. Faced with adversity, he thought of his young family, got up & approached life with a passion & enthusiasm sadly lacking in most. His presentation will challenge you to think of what is most important in your life & strive to achieve your goal.

- **Burnie City Council**

“ Authenticity, warmth and infectious passion leak in volumes from Sam. His love for people, family and life inspire, challenge and excite me. Sam's quest to learn and develop himself and others is to be highly commended. Once you meet Sam you'll want to be his friend for life...



- *Uniting Churches of Australia*

“ Sam has that unique ability to have everyone on their feet laughing one minute and then listening attentively in silence the next. He touched and inspired everyone in the auditorium from our young trainees to the oldest member of the audience with his honest, funny and moving stories.

- *Work & Training*

“ Sam's presentation is one that inspires and motivates all in a story of great courage and determination, his enthusiastic style and love of life is second to none.

- *Beacon Foundation*

“ Sam displays a unique skill with the ability to draw on his experience and convey an inspirational and powerful message that will leave a lasting impression in the minds of those fortunate enough to listen.

- *Parliament of Tasmania*

“ Your speech was thoroughly inspiring and crafted with just the right amount of humour, drama and showmanship.

- *International Federation for Professional Speakers*

“ Extraordinary. if you've met Sam, it's a unique experience.

- *Former Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd*

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