

# David Foster

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## **World Champion Axeman**

David Foster is the winner of 186 World Titles, 168 Australian Titles, over 2,000 firsts in competitive woodchopping, and the first person in sporting history to have won 1000 championships. Weighing in at 25 stone, he can chop a 12" log in 8 seconds!



A true champion, David inspires and motivates audiences to achieve their goals with his presentation "Dreams Do Come True". Drawing clear parallels between sport and the corporate world, David's presentations focus on the commitment and dedication required to enable individuals and organisations to move forward and continually achieve.

## **About David Foster OAM:**

David Foster has represented Australia 38 times and been Australian captain 26 times. In 2000 when competing against the Americans, he broke 3 of their own World Records. He also won the Australian Axeman of the Year a record breaking 9 times in a row and was awarded Axeman of the Decade in 1990.

The son of a world champion axeman, David and his late father combined to win the 600mm Double Handed Sawing World Championship 11 times straight. David and his brother then won the Championship a further 10 times, taking the total to 21 straight World Titles. David has also won the 400mm Underhand World Championship 11 times in a row. The pair lost in 2000, but regained the championship in 2001, after which David's son Stephen took over as his woodchopping partner.

Revered as a hero in New Zealand, David is well known internationally, particularly in the United States, Netherlands, Ireland and Japan. His numerous television appearances include *This is Your Life* (2000), *A Current Affair*, *60 Minutes*, *7.30 Report*, *Hey Hey, It's Saturday*, *The John Laws Show* and *Channel Seven Sports Panel Program*.

David Foster is often joined in charitable quests by Launceston cricketer, David Boon. Both Foster and Boon have willingly allowed their famous moustaches to be shaved off for charity. David Foster and his wife Jan operated The Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame in Latrobe, Tasmania, from 2004 until 2006.

## **David is the recipient of numerous awards and honours including:**

- An Order of Australia Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.
- The Anzac Medal for services to the community (2000)
- Tasmanian Sporting Personality of the Year (1998)
- Director of the National Australia Day Council for three years (1998)
- Tasmanian Founding Member and Ambassador for the Olympic Club (1998)
- Named Tasmanian of the Year (1995)
- Awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award (1994)
- Named first Advance Australia Ambassador for Tasmania (1992)
- Named the Lindy Award recipient for sporting excellence (1989)

Known in the corporate world as the “big guy from Tasmania”, David is an entertaining and inspiring speaker. In high demand, as one of the greatest world champions in living memory, he is the perfect guest speaker for any type of function.

## Client testimonials

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“ Excellent. David Foster is a truly inspirational person who really connected with and touched our audience, with his stories of his amazing career and how if you believe in yourself that dreams can come true. He was a pleasure to deal with both on a personal and professional nature.

- ***Shamrock Rugby Club***

“ Everyone loved David Foster for his honesty and genuine-ness. Great! Not to mention his Aussie wit.

- ***IBM Australia Ltd***

“ Excellent. David was great; he gave a very good insight into the Aussie sport of woodchop. Great to work with, very funny and some great messages. Our audience loved him.

- ***CRT/Town & Country/Grow Force***

“ Excellent. Fantastic after dinner speaker, worked the room and had our guests enthralled with demo.

- ***CGU Insurance***

“ Excellent. David was the highlight of the night and his story lifted the delegates and motivated them to pursue their aims for Conference.

- ***Police Association***

“ The audience loved David. From his woodchopping demo to his auctioneering, he was fantastic. He engaged the audience with relevant and real stories.

- *Livestock and Bulk Carriers Association*

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