

# Michael Groom

## *Professional Mountaineer & Speaker*

A professional mountaineer and speaker, Michael Groom's story of how he overcame severe challenges to climb the world's largest mountains is truly inspiring.

In 1987 Michael became the first Australian to climb Kangchenjunga, the world's third highest mountain, without the use of bottled oxygen or Sherpa support. However when descending the mountain, Michael became temporarily blinded and was forced to spend

the night exposed to the elements at above 8000m. Michael suffered serious frostbite, resulting in a third of both his feet being amputated. He was told he would never walk again.

Facing life in a wheelchair, Michael applied sheer will and determination to learn to walk again. Three years later he successfully climbed Cho Oyu, the world's sixth highest mountain.

In 1996 Michael joined Rob Hall's calamitous Mt Everest attempt in which eight climbers died. Of all those who reached the summit, only Michael and Into Thin Air author, Jon Krakauer, survived.

Michael went on to become the first Australian to reach the top of the world's five most challenging mountains; Everest, K2, Kangchenjunga, Lhotse and Makalu.

In 2000 Michael's remarkable story was made into a documentary by the Australian Film Corporation. His book *Sheer Will*, published in 1997 and updated in 1999 and 2000, is a can't-put-down read.

## *Michael Groom talks about:*

Michael Groom's personal presentation, accompanied with impossibly beautiful visuals, is to see the earth in its purest and rawest form - the way the earth was meant to be.

Michael motivates soldiers going off to war, athletes struggling to come back from serious injury, professional people keen to get a little closer to the truth of 'no pain, no gain', and ordinary people who just love to sit and listen to one of Australia's most amazing human endeavour stories.

Michael Groom's major clients have included: AMP, BP Australia, Bank of Queensland, AXA, Institute of Chartered Accountants, Australian Paralympians, The Australian Millers Association, The Australian Auditors Association, The Australian Premix Concrete Association, Chase Manhattan Bank, Westpac Banking Corporation, The Australian Boarding School Association and



many more...

## Client testimonials

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“ Michael was inspiring and extremely motivating. An amazing way to kick start our conference.

- **Foodland Supermarkets**

“ Our audience was delighted to have been address by Michael and his amazing story. It was the perfect complement to finish a great conference. Michael's story was both moving, humorous and completely captivating. You could have heard a pin drop!

- **Ostwald Bros**

“ Michael was fantastic. He stayed back to talk to the guests and was an absolute delight to deal with.

- **Parkroyal Brisbane**

“ Michael's down to earth style and delivery had the entire audience enthralled throughout his presentation. His story of high adventure, high drama and endurance is inspirational to us all.

- **Business Incentives and Conferences**

“ Your story was a rallying call for us to rekindle our spirit and get out there and do what we need or want to do. Feedback from the team was overwhelming and positive.

- **BP Australia Ltd**

“ We have had many complementary letters about the quality of your speech at the Horwath Motor Dealer Dinner. Many people were not only moved by your address but felt even though they are facing tough times in the motor industry they had to help themselves as you so ably demonstrated. You are certainly a great roll model for all Australians and I hope as many as possible are able to experience your address over the next few years.

- **Horwath & Horwath Chartered Accountants**

“ Fantastic presentation. Great use of photography with one hell of a story to tell.

- **Academy of Sport, Canberra**

“ Really good...everyone loved the talk. He was extremely punctual, organised, well prepared and his talk was very interesting and engaging. Everyone was especially impressed and

captivated by his story.

- *Clarendon Homes (QLD) Pty Ltd*

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