

Patrick Hollingworth

Organisational Consultant, Mountaineer & Keynote Speaker

Patrick Hollingworth is a passionate mountaineer who has summited multiple 8000 metre peaks, including Mount Everest. Drawing on his learnings from the alpinists and his unique business experience, he inspires and directs senior organisational leaders in their quest to navigate businesses through an increasingly volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous landscape.



Describing himself as “a student of people and places,” Patrick Hollingworth completed a Bachelor of Science with Honours in anthropology, geography and psychology before spending more than a decade as an employee of a large multinational consultancy. He worked on some of the largest and most complex infrastructure projects ever built in Australia and along the way experienced the very best of what large organisations can achieve, and also the very worst.

Patrick Hollingworth’s interest is in non-linear organisational leadership and structural responses to conditions of uncertainty and complexity. He firmly believes that from education, government and not-for-profit organisations, and through to commercial enterprise, the well-being of our society is based upon the well-being of our organisations. If our organisations fail, so too does our society. With this firmly in mind, Patrick works with senior leaders to help them reconsider their organisational approaches to a new world of uncertainty, complexity and change... and to be ready for any future, one where we accept that we do not have control.

In addition to helping senior leaders, Patrick Hollingworth regularly speaks at conferences both in Australia (he lives in Sydney) and internationally. His clients include multinational companies such as British retailer Marks and Spencer, American energy giant Chevron and British-Australian miner Rio Tinto, through to major Australian banks such as CBA, NAB and Westpac, communications giant Telstra, private hospital chain Ramsay Health and numerous government departments and education institutions.

A prolific writer, he authored the book *The Light and Fast Organisation: A New Way of Dealing with Uncertainty*, and writes a regular newsletter on the topic. He also writes for media outlets, including the Australian Financial Review, The Australian, Sydney Morning Herald, The Age, Sky Business News, QANTAS Radio, as well as ABC TV and radio.

Client testimonials

“ Patrick, thank you for coming in to present to our Board and staff last week. Can I say that I enjoyed your presentation, and the past week has given me the opportunity to find out what others thought - all raved about your presentation and the sheer scale of what you have achieved. It does tell us much about endurance, dreams, that any good plan can stuff up due to factors outside your control, team work and then sharing what you have achieved with others.

- Territory Resources

“ We had terrific feedback from all our sponsors, corporate clients and members who were all enthralled with your tales of your super human effort in climbing Mt Everest. Dealing with you from the first phone call to organising the game day rotation was extremely easy and very professional. I sincerely thank you for your time and efforts as it appreciated by all at the club. I would recommend you to all who is interested in hearing from a terrific motivational speaker.

- Fremantle Football Club

“ His story is inspirational, and his presentation was both interesting and highly entertaining. The quality of the photography and video taken on Everest is outstanding, and Pat is approachable, knowledgeable and presents in a very down-to-earth manner. His story left our team with a lasting impression of what can be achieved with detailed planning, a healthy approach to risk management and a passion to achieve your dreams. We'd strongly encourage anyone looking to hear a great Australian story to engage Pat.

- Azure Capital

“ Patrick Hollingworth recently presented at the Energy in WA Conference Dinner. He had the 150 dinner guests in the palm of his hand as he talked about his amazing accomplishment of climbing Mt Everest. The multi media presentation to business leaders from around the state, which included The Minister for Energy and other government officials, was terrific. Watching the video footage and photos, you really felt you shared the experience with him as he achieved his goal.

- Motive Conventions

“ As a rural consultancy business, we wanted an inspirational speaker who would take everyone's minds off farming and the poor seasonal conditions. Patrick certainly delivered. His presentation was fascinating, the video footage and photography were breathtaking, and his modest style of delivery made his achievements even more mind-blowing. The audience was riveted by his story - it was a thought-provoking journey and evoked a lot of discussion after the event (and we all forgot about the drought for a while!).

- Agvise Management Consultants

“ Patrick delivered two outstanding presentations to students, staff and parents at our school. While his achievement in climbing Mount Everest is significant in itself, it was the manner in which he presented this endeavour which was most notable. Patrick integrated various visual media (video, photos, Internet) into his presentation and compliments this with a well structured and absorbing narration. Numerous members of the audience later commented that it was the best speaking engagement that they had attended.

- Melbourne Grammar School

“ Excellent, Patrick connected very quickly with our group. His story and style of presentation hit the spot for us. The challenges and the real life presentation really inspired the group. Patrick, is easy to work with, there is no huge ego here. A real person with an amazing achievement, outstanding.

- Westpac

“ Without any shadow of a doubt this was singularly the best team building experience we've ever had the pleasure of being part of

- Bankwest

“ Patrick is engaging, his work resonates with deep humanity and it sets out a clear and accessible model of leadership for senior managers

- Department for Child Protection

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