

John Eales AM

Former Wallabies Captain, Author and Business Leader

John Eales AM is regarded as one of the greatest rugby players Australia has ever produced. His outstanding qualities extend much further than his exceptional skill on the football field. He is an inspirational leader and businessman through both his actions and his relentless determination. John's sense of fair play and genial nature made him one of the most respected figures in the game, and an extraordinary ambassador for sport and Australia.

He debuted for the Wallabies in 1991 and captained the side from 1996 until the end of his test career in 2001. He participated in two successful World Cup campaigns, captaining the latter in 1999, and led Australia through three Bledisloe Cup, two Tri-Nations and a British and Irish Lions series victory. In 20 tests against the All Blacks he was on the winning side 11 times, and also won 6 of his 11 tests against them as captain.

He was inducted into the Sports Australia Hall of Fame, the World Rugby Hall of Fame, the Australia Institute of Sport's Best of the Best, awarded the Australian Sports Medal in 2000 and made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 1999 for services to the community and rugby.

John was the founder of the Mettle Group - a consultancy which was acquired by Chandler Macleod in 2007, is the Chair of ASX listed Trajan Group Holdings, and sits on the boards of Flight Centre Travel Group, Fuji Film DMS, Loreto Kirribilli and Magellan Financial Group. He has been an occasional lecturer at the University of Notre Dame in Sydney and is the author of books, "Learning from Legends - Sport" and "Learning from Legends - Business".

John is an in-demand keynote speaker, delivering invaluable messages on leadership, teamwork and culture within an organisation.

John Eales talks about:

- Composure
- High performance
- Business
- Motivation



- Sport

Client testimonials

“ John was so well received by the audience. John’s key note was on point and relevant to the audience. They were fully engaged for the entire key note address, and we received outstanding feedback afterwards. Could not have asked for more from John.

- **Mark Ellison, Group Manager Learning & Development - Teys Australia**

“ John was received very well. He was well known by the majority of the audience which was a great start. He spoke on the topic we requested, which was about moving from number 1 to number 2, and utilised his business success to link his talk to the audience. His rugby stories were also very entertaining. John is a great bloke, and was most accommodating with our requests to sign copies of his books, manage the prize draw we did, and pose for numerous photos with the audience. We would definitely book John again.

- **Incentive Action**

“ Excellent. From the moment John arrived at the function he became part of the night. He chatted with all of our guests and happily had photographs taken and signed footballs etc. John was an excellent presenter. He spoke for over 40 minutes and the audience were totally immersed in his stories. He was happy to take questions and stayed quite late chatting to customers. I would highly recommend him.

- **Medtronic**

“ Very Good. John was a very good speaker and had our audience captivated for the hour over dinner. He was very easy to listen to.

- **National Prescribing Service**

“ Excellent. John was well-prepared and professional with a touch of humour that really hit the mark for a predominantly non-rugby audience however, all guests came away with a sense of understanding and a little of his infectious love for the sport.

- **INFRONT**

“ From all feedback I had received on and after the evening it seems John was received very well. Everyone was very impressed by his speech/presentation on the night and it was very relevant to our needs and the training program that our audience had just completed. John is very easy to listen to and is very passionate about what he shares with the audience. On a personal level, he is a terrific person, very genuine and caring and a real gentlemen. A pleasure to deal with. We have utilised John three times now for our functions and he never

fails to impress.

- Hastings Deering

“ We had some great feedback about John, our audience found him extremely engaging and inspiring. Many said “his speech was the highlight of the day”. He was a pleasure to have and very lovely to deal with.

- Leighton Contractors Pty Limited

“ Excellent. It doesn't matter whether you follow rugby or not, John is a figure to be admired. What is it that makes John such an admirable figure? Since the WOPPA dinner, I've thought about that question and his talk a lot and I think the quality that struck me most was his genuine humility. John is a man who has achieved so much in sport and then in business, yet there is a distinct lack of self-righteousness. The crowd was thoroughly enthralled for the 1hr 20 mins he spoke, lapping up his talk which was peppered with words of wisdom and a gentle self-deprecating humour. John was an absolute delight to work with, and nothing was too much trouble. What a treat!

- Northern Rivers General Practice Network

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