

## Jeff McMullen

### *Journalist, Author, Film-maker & Keynote Speaker*

Dr Jeff McMullen AM has been a foreign correspondent for Australian Broadcasting Corporation. He is a highly-respected reporter for *Four Corners* and *Sixty Minutes*, anchor of the 33-part series on ABC Television, *Difference of Opinion* and host of forums on *National Indigenous Television*.



A published author, filmmaker and keynote speaker, Jeff draws the world's attention to economic, social and human rights issues in Australia and overseas. His passionate presentation of a world view invites each person to understand the Big Picture and to seize opportunities to make a difference.

### **More about Dr Jeff McMullen:**

Dr Jeff McMullen has served as a director of AIME and the Engineering Aid Australia Indigenous Summer School program, and worked for fourteen years as Honorary CEO of Ian Thorpe's Fountain for Youth, establishing early learning and the Literacy Backpack program in 22 remote communities. He was a foundation Trustee of the Jimmy Little Foundation.

Jeff has been prominent in the Close the Gap campaign, chairing forums for NACCHO in NSW, Queensland, Western Australia and Victoria, as well as the Northern Territory's first conference focussed on Indigenous suicide prevention. He has worked closely with the Sunrise Health Service Aboriginal Corporation in the Katherine region, developing maternal and infant health programs.

Jeff is a long-term patron of the Merry Maker's Down's Syndrome troupe and Mirabel, the foundation working to support the extended families caring for children who have died from drug overdose. He has also contributed to the University of Canberra's Healthpact Center, promoting health and social equality for all Australian children.

Some of Jeff's hard-hitting documentaries have focussed on the human rights of the First Peoples, the impact of the NT Intervention and the chronic illness taking many lives. His film, *East Coast Encounter*, has screened around Australia as part of an exhibition by leading artists, poets and historians who have explored James Cook's 1770 contact with Aboriginal people and the impact of terra nullius.

Jeff's published writing includes 'Dispossession: Neo-Liberalism and the Struggle for Aboriginal Land and Rights in the 21st Century, in which he analyses the market forces shaping Indigenous policy (Black & White, published by Connor Court 2013) Jeff McMullen. *A Life of Extremes* -

*Journeys and Encounters'* examines the global pattern of conflict, environmental degradation and species extinction, as well as sharing ideas from some of the world's bravest individuals on a brighter future for the human family. (HarperCollins Australia).

In 2015, Dr Jeff McMullen delivered the Vincent Lingiari Memorial Lecture at Charles Darwin University.

In 2006 Jeff was awarded an Order of Australia (AM), for service to journalism and efforts to raise awareness of economic, social and human rights issues in Australia and overseas, as well as service to charity. He holds a Bachelor Arts (Macquarie); an Hon. Doctorate Journalism (CQU); Hon. Doctorate Letters (Newcastle); and Hon. Doctorate Letters (Macquarie).

### ***Jeff McMullen's presentations include:***

- Meetings with remarkable men and women
- Taking a risk
- Making a difference
- Australia's one true crisis.

### **Client testimonials**

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“ Jeff ,thanks for making our seminar such a success. The feedback has been amazing.

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