

# Mark Hughes

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***Former NRL player, Brain Cancer Survivor, Founder of The Mark Hughes Foundation***

An engaging and inspirational speaker whose journey resonates deeply with audiences of all kinds.

Mark Hughes is a former professional rugby league player, was a key member of two premiership-winning teams for the Newcastle Knights and proudly represented New South Wales in State of Origin.



In 2013, at just 36 years old, Mark faced a life-altering diagnosis of high-grade brain cancer, a disease with no cure and stagnant treatment options for over three decades. Refusing to be defined by his diagnosis, he co-founded the Mark Hughes Foundation, which has since raised over \$35 million to fund brain cancer research and create hope for countless families.

A story that inspires, Mark's presentations are a masterclass in storytelling, weaving his journey from growing up in a small Hunter Valley town to thriving in professional sport and confronting life's toughest challenges.

Audiences will laugh, reflect, and leave inspired by Mark's powerful mantra, Make Today Count. With a focus on resilience, positivity, and living with purpose, Mark's message is unforgettable, offering practical and uplifting takeaways for everyone.

## Testimonials

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“ Mark spoke at our Awards recently and was truly inspirational. Our audience thoroughly embraced his message and the manner in which it was delivered. Mark's honesty and compassion shone through with a number of people genuinely moved by his story. I am happy to endorse Mark to anyone who is seeking a speaker to lift their people.

- ***Foodservice Supplier's Association Australia***

“ The feedback from those in attendance has been overwhelmingly positive. Our staff were highly impressed with your candour, sincerity and humour as you described your sporting career and health challenges, as well as the establishment of your foundation to assist in the battle against brain cancer. Sharing your experiences with our team was the perfect conclusion to an important development and learning day for our organisation.

*- Mine Safety Operations*

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