



PETER BAINES

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HANDS ACROSS THE WATER

Peter is a former NSW Police officer who spent 22 years serving in high-stakes environments, including leading international disaster response efforts across Southeast Asia. He played a key role in the forensic response to the 2002 Bali bombings and the 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami, experiences that shaped his belief in leadership through action. In 2005, he founded Hands Across the Water, a charity supporting children in Thailand, which has since raised over \$40 million AUD and provides housing, education, and vocational opportunities. His commitment continues through multi-day charity bike rides and a growing social enterprise aimed at long-term impact.

In the final chapter of his policing career, Peter was seconded to the National Institute of Forensic Science, where he led national and international projects focused on building leadership capability and strengthening counter-terrorism strategies. Peter's expertise in crisis leadership has been sought globally, with roles supporting Interpol, the UN, and foreign governments. His humanitarian work has earned him the Order of Australia Medal, Rotary International's Professional Excellence Award, and recognition from the King of Thailand.

KEYNOTE: TOGETHER WE CAN

Peter will draw on a lifetime of service, crisis leadership and purpose-driven action to inspire, challenge and unite.



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