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# Peter Davidson

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Peter Davidson is a humble man but a remarkable Australian.

On December 26<sup>th</sup> 1998, 114 Yachts left Sydney harbour in the annual Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race, yet only 44 finished. Of the remaining vessels, 12 yachts were abandoned, 5 yachts sank, 6 men lost their lives and over 50 yachtsmen had to be winched to safety.

The event is recognised as one of the worst Maritime disasters in Australian history.

Peter Davidson, a paramedic aboard the first rescue helicopter to reach survivors, talks about what it took to rescue 8 men from the stricken vessel “Standaside” in the midst of some of the worst conditions in sailing history.

Sea conditions were described by many of the survivors and rescuers as “a Hurricane” – waves running and breaking at over 25 metres (that’s as tall as a six story building) and winds gusting at over 120 km/hr. - Conditions into which Peter was winched to conduct the most testing rescue of his career.

Peter and the crew of Helimed One undertook rescues that are seen as beyond that ever asked of rescue helicopters. The crew has been recognised nationally and internationally for their bravery, skill and dedication.

As Peter relates “Awards and recognition are great, but nothing was better than the smiles on the faces of the survivors and their families.”

This is a powerful and moving story of showing the best of what ordinary, well-trained and motivated people can achieve.

Peter shares this incredible story in which he himself almost lost his life twice. A gripping, real-life drama that tested Helimed One and stands testament to achieving under extreme circumstances.

A story of success and achievement that explores themes including:

- The ability to adapt to a changing environment
- Leadership
- The power of preparation, training, planning, systems, teamwork and trust.
- Training not luck
- How to perform under pressure
- Overcoming failure - From failure to success
- Managing risk, managing fear and calculated risk = Success
- Expect the unexpected
- Persistence & Determination

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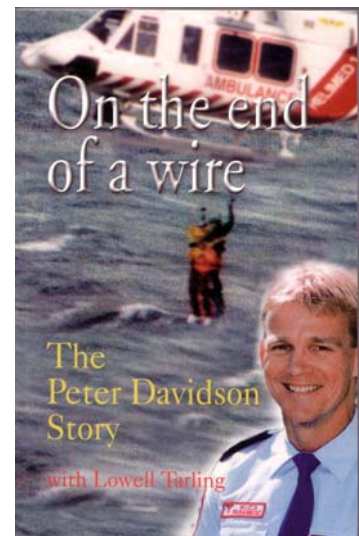
For over 16 years, Peter Davidson has been employed by the RAV (Rural Ambulance Victoria), and for over 12 of those years, he has been aboard "Helimed One" the Victorian Air Ambulance Rescue Helicopter. Peter is a qualified Air Ambulance M.I.C.A., Flight Paramedic and Team Leader.

## AWARDS

Aviation Week Space & Technology Laureate Award – Washington D.C  
Inducted into the Aviation Space & Technology Hall Of Fame  
Captain William James Kossler Rotary Wing Award – Vancouver  
Bravery Medal – Australian Government  
Certificate of Citation for Bravery – Australian Government  
Personal Introduction To Queen & Prince Phillip – 2000  
Olympic Torch Relay Runner Through Home Town of Traralgon  
Honorary Lifetime Membership – Cruising Yacht Club S.A.

## MEDIA

ABC Radio National – Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, (multiple)  
Local Radio – 3TR, 3GG (multiple)  
Channel 9 – A Current Affair & Sixty Minutes  
Win TV  
Documentary – Discovery TV – U.K.  
I.T.N. Factual - Los Angeles  
Beyond Productions – Los Angeles



## CLIENT FEEDBACK

*"A sensational presentation that inspired us all"*

**Australian Financial Services**

*"Peter gave a very moving and motivating presentation and with the Q & A at the end we were able to draw out key messages/objectives of the presentation as we needed."*

**McKinsey & Company**

*"Excellent. Peter's presentation was very well received and appreciated by our clients."*

**Outlook Financial Planning**

*"Excellent. Humble but very impressive speaker...received a standing ovation from delegates at the conference...very well received...INSPIRING".*

**Exceptional Events**

*"Nothing less than a standing ovation for a Good Aussie Bloke."*

**Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club**

*“Peter Davidson was fantastic - He has been the most inspirational speaker we have had to date. I could hardly get him out of the building as the guys had so many questions to ask of him. His attention to detail and ability to recapture the moment was amazing and he was such a nice person too, an absolute pleasure to listen to. You could have heard a pin drop the team were so attentive. There was nothing but praise for Peter. A lot of people shook his hand and thanked him as they exited the room.”*

**Corporate Express**

*“Excellent. Exceptional – kept everyone spellbound. Very unassuming and down to earth. Worked our theme of ‘communication’ very clearly into presentation.”*

**William Adams Pty Ltd**

*“Excellent. Enthralling account of a real Australian hero”.*

**Livestock Transport Assoc of Vic**

*“Excellent. Everyone was captivated by Peter’s presentation, especially the females.”*

**Financial Planners Association**

*“Excellent. He was as always superb and captivating.”*

**Timbercorp Ltd**

*“Peter’s presentation enthralled and captivated the imagination of the audience. Not only was he inspirational but it put our own problems into perspective.”*

**The Age**

*“It was truly an inspirational story and you deserve all the accolades that have been bestowed on you. Your story touched everybody in the room and the matter of fact style with which you portrayed the events had everybody in awe of your courage and humility.”*

**Lumley Life**

*“Excellent. Peter successfully combined what was traumatic life experience into an example for professional learning in teamwork. His presentation content was inspirational.”*

**ADT Security**

*“Excellent. Peter had all in attendance enthralled. He was the best speaker I have ever seen this year... said one of our guests.”*

**PricewaterhouseCooper**

*“Excellent. Everyone was very impressed with Peter’s story and presentation. A true inspiration.”*

**Mint Organisation**

*“Thought Peter was absolutely fantastic. A moving and emotional experience, one of the best!”*

**Guardian Financial Planning**

*“Excellent. Peter’s humility when contrasted with his achievements brought our audience to its feet. I have not seen an audience as keen to shake a presenters hand as I did with Peter. What more can I say a true Aussie hero when the word hero is so easily thrown around these days!”*

**Retravisation**

*“Excellent. Very inspirational. Good to hear a true story of human courage and teamwork, told with humility and humour - from a really nice guy!”*

**Holden College**

*“Excellent. Peter delivered an excellent performance that had the audience enthralled throughout. From arrival, through delivery and post performance, Peter was the consummate professional.”*

**Kenworth**

*“Excellent. Peter was a fantastic addition to our conference line up. He managed to ensure that the theme of our conference was brought home to the delegates whilst still capturing the spirit and meaning of his own experiences.”*

**NSW Rural Fire Service**

*“Peter was a breath of fresh air-or should I say a hurricane! His humble, down to earth style ( On the end of a Wire ) readily reached the hearts and the minds of our gathering. He showed us that if you are trained, if you are enthusiastic and you have a passion for doing your job, that when the task gets tough, teamwork will bring you through the wildest storm.”*

**Kerang Business Council**

*“Professional, captivating and bloody brave. I have been booking speakers for years and have never had so many guests come up to me and sing the speaker’s praises. Peter’s story is certainly one worth listening to and was delivered superbly and warmly. His use of the video footage and the way he set up the story was enthralling.”*

**Stockland**

*“Peter Davidson is one of Australia’s true heroes. His heart felt presentation significantly touched the audience, And the standing ovation he received is testament to his commitment to his community and life service, his personal and raw honesty, and the deep sincerity and personal integrity he expresses from the moment he commences his presentation. His story and message have an impact few can aspire to, and I know the audience will long remember him with the deepest respect.”*

**National Employment Services Australia**

**Peter has also presented nationally and internationally for organisations including-**

Australian Financial Services; Electronic Warfare Conference; Stockford Financial Services; Timbercorp Investments; Rothchild Australia; Cruising Yacht Club South Australia; Port Adelaide Football Club Sponsors; Adelaide Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Show; South Australian Football League; Smithsonian National Air Space Museum - Washington D.C.; Hilton On The Park; Combined Emergency Service’s Conference; Casual Ambulance Officers Seminar; St. John Ambulance Service; Royal Perth Yacht Club and many more.....