

**Peter Baines OAM,** is one of Australia's leading experts having road-tested leadership the hard way. Peter spent 22 years with the NSW Police leading teams in response to acts of terrorism and natural disasters on a scale not previously seen.

Peter was part of the leadership team that responded to Bali after the bombings in 2002 and was called in 2005 to lead international teams in response to the Tsunami of December 26, 2004, in South East Asia. Peter headed up multiple rotations in Thailand leading international teams in the identification process of those who died. All the time his leadership theories were tested in this trying environment.

Creating sustainable leadership became a passion of his after witnessing the devastating effects of the 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami. He was deeply touched by the number of children left without parents by the disaster and was inspired to set up an organization that could make a significant difference in the lives of these children. In late 2005, Hands Across the Water was formed to raise funds for, and awareness of, the children of Thailand who were left alone. Today Hands has raised over \$30 million Australian dollars. With this, they have built several homes all across Thailand, purchased a rubber plantation to ensure a sustainable and regular income, and constructed a community center in the Khao Lak region of Thailand, and a Digital Learning Centre in the North East. Hands now has operations in seven different locations within Thailand and provide a home to several hundred children every night.

The work of the charity has always taken a different approach to most in that they focus on creating meaningful shared experiences for their supporters. A cornerstone event of the work of Hands is ...

## **Testimonials**

Peter Baines is probably the most motivating speaker I have seen in my career, amazing story, relevant, useful & inspirational.

- CEO Institute.

Thanks again for your time last week, the feedback has been superb and the value we've gotten as a team is priceless. It's the best time / investment we have spent as a team for a long time.

- Asteron Life.

## **Peter Baines**

## **Speech Topics**

Teambuilding

Philanthropy & Volunteerism

Management

Leadership

Employee Engagement

Crisis Management

