

Grant 'Axe' Rawlinson

The Human Powered Explorer

Extreme Adventurer, Interactive Keynote Speaker



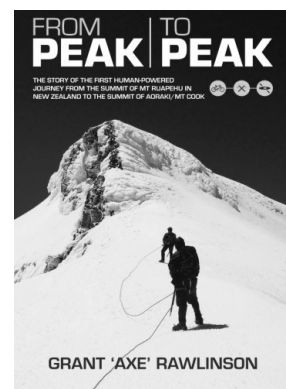
His commitment to human-powered exploration makes him one of the most authentic, unique and inspiring speakers

Professional experience

- Grant 'Axe' Rawlinson is a former international rugby player turned adventurer and explorer. His inspiring story of conquering the unthinkable -- entirely by human power -- is captured in his book *From Peak to Peak*.
- His current on-going challenge is Rowing Home to Home – 12,000 km, rowing from Singapore to Australia, cycling across Australia, and rowing from Australia to New Zealand over the treacherous Tasman Sea.
- He has completed over 50 expeditions across the globe, including walking across entire countries, cycling across continents, summiting Mt Everest, and crossing oceans– all completely by human power.
- Having completed this impressive expeditions, Grants' experience as an adventurer has taught him a number of key values, about critical decision-making, and about achieving higher, harder and more powerful goals.

Books, Published papers, Media

- Author of *From Peak to Peak*: The story of the first human powered journey from the summit of Mount Ruapehu to the summit of Mount Cook. On 1 December 2013, two men set out on a unique journey between New Zealand's highest mountains. On a shoestring budget and an equally tight time constraint, they traversed through some of the country's toughest and most rugged terrain, covering over 1400km with nothing more than a borrowed bicycle, some climbing gear, an inflatable kayak, and an incredibly slim chance of success. On day 22, they reached the summit of Aoraki/Mt Cook, the highest peak in the country. *From Peak to Peak* tells the inspiring true story of mountaineers, Grant 'Axe' Rawlinson and Alan Silva's incredible human-powered journey, from the summit of Mt Ruapehu to the summit of Aoraki/Mt Cook. It is testament that it takes just one crazy idea — and a positive attitude — to get started on the adventure of a lifetime.



Sample assignments

- Interactive keynotes and coaching workshops for business and teams aspiring to innovate and lead the crowd
- Inspiring keynotes and decision-making workshops for business teams overcoming change and transition
- Interactive keynotes for customer appreciation evenings and schools

Sample presentation topics

- ***Into the Unknown - An Explorer's Mindset:*** An interactive keynote for business and teams inspiring to innovate and lead the crowd
- ***For Those Who Dare:*** Inspiring keynote for business teams leading change and uncertainty
- ***Human Power:*** For customer appreciation evenings and schools

Grant 'Axe' Rawlinson – Personal Bio-data

- A professional speaker, sharing the mindsets and traits to becoming number one: not necessarily by being the best, but by being the first!
- He has had extended periods of travel and expeditions – including conquering Mount Everest, and his current on-going challenge of rowing from his current home in Singapore to his birth home, New Zealand, entirely by human power.
- Grant has twenty-five years of competitive rugby including 3 years representing the Singapore National 7-side rugby team.
- He is an Associate Certified Coach with the International Coaching Federation (ICF) and a Certified Brain Based Coach through the Nueroleadership Institute.
- A graduate of the University of Otago (Diploma and Degree in Surveying), and a graduate of the Management Development Institute of Singapore (Diploma in Business and Finance)
- Born and raised in New Zealand, he now resides in Singapore with his family.

Client testimonials

"I've worked in food companies for 40+ years and at Kraft Heinz for 20+ and never saw anything like that. Probably the best session in my whole professional life."

- KRAFT HEINZ

"You know the session works when two months later you are still using the techniques he coached you on. His sessions are innovative, thought-provoking and most importantly our teams had a lot of fun exploring the unknown with him."

- SPOTIFY

"His content is immersive and his authentic, engaging style draws maximum attention and participation; crucial elements for the successful outcome of any business capability enhancement program."

- ABBOTT NUTRITION

"A brilliant program for our team, inspiring us to think bigger, be bolder and take on large goals, our team is revitalised thanks to his session."

- MICROSOFT