



MARTIN STARK



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THE COURAGE CHAMPION

ABOUT *Martin*

The Courage Champion is a globally recognised inspirational speaker, trailblazer, author and two-time LinkedIn Top Voice. Martin's groundbreaking achievements have been featured in CNN, CBS News, ABC, The Guardian, Out Magazine, and BBC World.

As the Founder and CEO of the World Gay Boxing Championships, he leads global change. He disrupts homophobia in boxing. He organised the world's first LGBTQ+ boxing competitions in Australia and America.

With 15 years as an IT Procurement Leader, Martin brings commercial acumen and valuable insights into resilience, leadership, and transformative change.

Martin has delivered impactful keynotes for top organisations like LinkedIn, TikTok, NSW Health, and Commonwealth Bank. His message inspires individuals, teams, and organisations to thrive and achieve.

Martin is an expert on courage. His book *Courage: Your Right Hook* enables readers to learn the six pillars of courage and make courage a habit.

He was diagnosed with Addison's disease in 2006 after two induced comas and a tracheotomy. His numerous hospital admissions and major surgeries, and near-death experiences inspired him to seek positive changes in the world.

Martin is among the only Australians to throw the ceremonial opening pitch at a Major League Baseball game, witnessed by one million+ online spectators.

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Martin's KEYNOTES & WORKSHOPS

Spark the Courage Within!

Understand what courage is and how to venture forward with confidence and resilience. Take ownership of fear, improve decision-making, and make courage a habit driving performance and success for the individual, team and organisation.

Lead with Purpose, Make a Positive Impact

Foster a strong sense of purpose and build trust within your team. Encourage positive actions by empowering team members to take thoughtful risks, and make transformative decisions. Learn how to solve the most challenging problems while striving for a bold vision and achieving sustainable customer-centric results.

Unlock the Six Pillars of Courage Workshop

Explore the fundamental types of courage that drive exceptional team performance and organisational growth. Strengthen each pillar to transform your people and culture and create breakthrough business outcomes and lasting positive change.



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SPARK THE COURAGE WITHIN

Keynote Synopsis

This keynote focuses on developing courage as a key to success. Using his personal story of surviving two induced comas and founding the World Gay Boxing Championships, Martin illustrates how to move forward with confidence and resilience. He guides individuals, teams and organisations to embrace courage at their own pace and offers five practical steps to make it a daily habit.

Key Takeaways

- Leverage the PACE framework (Purpose, Action, Confidence, Excellence) to develop sustainable courage, overcome fear and make better decisions.
- Tools and strategies to cultivate a courageous culture that enhances collaboration and resilience and drives success.

Keynote ROI: Outcomes & Benefits

- **Individual:** Increased confidence, improved decision-making abilities, enhanced career growth and personal fulfilment.
- **Team/Company:** Stronger collaboration, innovation and calculated risk-taking; improved productivity, engagement, confidence and impactful communication.
- **Customer:** Higher client satisfaction through more confident, proactive teams delivering better solutions.

LEAD WITH PURPOSE, MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT

Keynote Synopsis

This keynote equips leaders to build trust and drive change through purpose-driven leadership. Drawing from his experience disrupting homophobia in boxing and leading cultural transformation, Martin demonstrates how clear purpose and strong values create breakthrough results. Participants learn to inspire teams, tackle complex challenges, drive customer-centric success, and achieve ambitious visions while staying true to their values.

Key Takeaways

- Learn to define and communicate purpose that inspires action while building environments where calculated risks are encouraged.
- Practical strategies for navigating uncertainty and aligning teams around common values to create a significant impact.

Keynote ROI: Outcomes & Benefits

- **Individual:** Higher win rates and transformational results through authentic leadership and stronger stakeholder trust.
- **Team/Company:** Increased revenue and performance through purpose-driven culture and empowered decision-making.
- **Customer:** Strategic partnerships and innovative solutions through decisive, values-aligned leadership.

UNLOCK THE SIX PILLARS OF COURAGE WORKSHOP

Workshop Synopsis

In this intensive workshop, participants explore and apply the six fundamental types of courage from Martin's book "Courage: Your Right Hook". Through focused exercises and real-world applications, they learn to identify and strengthen emotional, physical, moral, empathetic, steadfast and cerebral courage to drive sustainable success in their roles.

Key Takeaways

- Unlock the power of the six pillars while building practical techniques to strengthen each type of courage.
- Transform decision-making and leadership through systematic application of courage principles.

Keynote ROI: Outcomes & Benefits

- **Individual:** Elevated performance through comprehensive courage capabilities, enhanced judgment and sustained personal growth.
- **Team/Company:** Enhanced results through systematically strengthened team courage, improved collaboration and consistent execution
- **Customer:** Deeper engagement through more confident and capable partners delivering innovative, trusted solutions.



Martin Stark's

PAST SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- InsteadTALKS 360, February 2025
- Out For Business Los Angeles, California Sept 2024
- Compete Sports Conference, Columbus Ohio June 2024
- The Kolling Institute, NSW Health February 2024
- The Story Room October 2023
- Waverley College August 2023
- TikTok, NRMA, and Stories That Stir July 2023
- LinkedIn Leadership Collective Launch June 2023
- Commonwealth Bank April 2023
- Mardi Gras Film Festival Feb 2023
- Transport NSW Nov 2022
- Heather Hansen Unmuted Series May 2022
- BSI Learning Nov 2021
- Business Builders Group June 2021
- DIFEST Global May 2021
- Unleashed LGBTQ Summit March 2021



Martin Stark's CLIENT TESTIMONIALS



Professor James Elliott

DIRECTOR THE KOLLING INSTITUTE, UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY & NSW HEALTH

What a pleasure it was to host you! We enjoyed hearing your messaging around how to "Spark the Courage Within". In particular, you inspired us to understand what courage is. Your inspiring delivery offered useful tips and safe to say your talk was very well-received as evidenced by the participants' comments.

David Parnell

HEAD OF LEARNING SUPPORT
WAVERLEY COLLEGE



Gabby Smith

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL, STUDENTS
WAVERLEY COLLEGE

Martin provided the Keynote for our school's Wear it Purple Day. With personal anecdotes, cleverly linked to questions later posed to the audience, short videos, and visuals, Martin engaged our students from beginning to end. Additionally, Martin's invitation for full audience participation—boxing, clapping and singing was engaging and fun.

The serious and sometimes challenging topics addressed through Wear It Purple Day were delivered in a positive and easily understood package, concluding with a challenge to action for our community. Our students loved the way Martin related to them through sport and his unpredictable storytelling that kept them not knowing what would come next. In the lead We would not hesitate to recommend Martin Stark.

THOMAS GRANGER

CREATOR ENGAGEMENT MANAGER TIKTOK



Martin's presentation to the TikTok team was not only motivating but deeply inspiring. I admire his resilience and courage to be a spokesperson for the LGBTQIA+ communities. I know we walked away feeling invigorated and ready to tackle our own fears to not only improve our lives but those in the community.



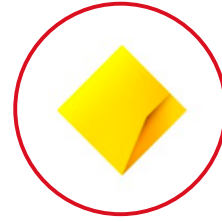


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Olivia Schweikert

MARKETING MANAGER, COMMONWEALTH BANK

Martin is a consummate professional with the perfect balance of vulnerability, relatability and confidence for any speaking engagement. He was able to share his personal experience and connect with the audience in a way that was both inspiring and educational. I have no doubt he would make a powerful impact as a speaker at your next event.



Sarah Sullivan

SENIOR MARKETING MANAGER, LINKEDIN

Martin's contribution to our LinkedIn Leaders Collective launch was invaluable. His strong storytelling skills and ability to be open and honest created a truly unique experience for our customers. Martin's positive attitude and collaborative nature made the entire experience enjoyable and productive. – Thank you!



Noushin Iranzadi

VENDOR RELATIONSHIP MANAGER,
TRANSPORT FOR NSW

He makes such an impact with his presence and the nature of his presentation that his audience are left wiser and satisfied with the subject at hand. I highly recommend having Martin speak at your sessions.

