

Speakers Biography

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Education/ Qualifications:

School Certificate – 6 subjects

University Entrance – 5 subjects

Coaching NZ level 1

CTM, ATM – Toastmaster levels of achievement

Employment:

Receptionist – Vision Wallcoverings 1982 - 1989

Hospital Aide – Spinal Unit 1988 - 1991

Artist – Mouth & Foot Painting Artists 1981 – present

Consultant and reporter for "Attitude" programme 2004 – 2008

Beijing Performance Director – Paralympics NZ 2006 – 2008

High Performance Director – Paralympics NZ 2008 – 2011

High Performance Consultant 2011 – present

Elected to the VDMFK International Board 2017 – present

Sports: Paralympics

Discipline(s): Wheelchair Rugby, Target Shooting – Air Rifle

Classification: 1.0 point, SH2

Disability: Tetraplegic

Sports career highlights:

First representing NZ at 1995 World Cup in Switzerland - bronze

First captaining NZ at 1996 Atlanta Paralympics - bronze

1998 World Cup in Toronto – silver and selected as best 1.0 pointer

Playing in front of 10,000 people at 2000 Sydney Paralympics - bronze

Coach of Wheel Blacks to 2004 Athens Paralympics - gold

Coach of Wheel Blacks to 2006 Christchurch World Championships – silver

Coach of Wheel Blacks to 2008 Beijing Paralympics – fifth (character building!)

Other Achievements:

Success at Toastmasters NZ : National finalist, prepared speech section 1991

Winner, National Impromptu Speech Contest 1994

Various art awards

Awarded MNZM in 2004 New Years Honours for services to the disabled community and sport

2005 Aucklander of the Year

2007 Kings College Old Collegian of the Year

2012 Southwell School 'Associate of Honour'

Public Speaking/ Media Experience:

Several T.V. interviews, Good Morning, News, Holmes, Breakfast.

Short documentaries, Jim's Car Show, Disability programme etc.

Newspaper and radio interviews.

Numerous public speaking engagements to both large and small audiences.

Toastmasters – see above

Was an Associate Producer and a presenter for the television series, "Attitude", produced by Robin Scott-Vincent dealing with disability issues on a Sunday morning.