



SIMON THIESSEN

CEO and Learning Facilitator



SIMONS' QUALIFICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Over the past 15 years, Simon has been a board and committee member of numerous organisations including the TAS/VIC division of the Australian Institute of Training and Development (AITD) and the Meetings Industry Association of Australia (MIAA)

- > 2013 - Certified to use the Hay Group's Inventory of Leadership Styles and Organisational Climate Survey psychometrics
- > 2006 - Accredited in Myers Briggs Type Indicator Steps I & II
- > 1997 – Certified in Edward de Bono's Six Thinking Hats and Lateral Thinking
- > 2002 – Certificate IV in Workplace Training & Assessment

With a background in leadership, sales and as an entrepreneur, Simon founded The Real Learning Experience in 1993. Since that time he has developed thousands of exceptional leaders, teams and sales people who produce outstanding results for their organisations.

His ability to make learning relevant and engaging allows participants to apply what they learn to increase revenue, improve productivity and profitability, and develop more unified and effective teams.

When Simon works with your people, he brings the practical skills and strategies that allowed him to transform a small local training business into a national franchise and license network.

Simon is also a dynamic keynote speaker who inspires, entertains and provokes an audience to take action.

Away from work, Simon is married to Jane and has four children. He is a triathlete, aspiring novelist and passionate supporter of children with dyslexia.

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SIMONS' ACHIEVEMENTS

- Simon has personally written more than 170 training programs, delivered more than 1600 training sessions and keynote presentations and has worked with over 150,000 participants
- Established a local training organisation that is now a national training network with Franchise and License Partners in most states and territories
- Simon is on the executive of Square Pegs Dyslexia Support and Advocacy and is passionate about getting better outcomes for children with dyslexia. As a volunteer, he has developed and delivered workshops aimed at raising awareness in school communities
- Founder and inaugural president of Triathlon South, Tasmania's largest triathlon club
- Simon has competed in literally hundreds of triathlons and multisport events. In 2004 he achieved a major personal goal by completing Ironman Australia
- In 2011 and 2012, Simon represented Australia in four events at the World Age Group triathlon championships in Beijing and Auckland

"I first worked with Simon as a new sales person in 1993.

As I have advanced through the company, Simon has worked with my management, sales and admin teams. Now that I am a senior leader, I still use Simon to work with my leadership team because he consistently achieves the outcomes I am looking for."

~ Rick Lenarcic – Group General Manager, Southern Cross Austereo

"The best training session I have ever attended."

~ David Bartlett – ex Premier of Tasmania

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