



The Leadership Development Journey

Leadership is not just a position or title. It is a way of being that includes character traits, attitudes and behaviours that are often developed over a life long journey. Experiences that put us out of our comfort zone and test our emotional intelligence in the areas of self-awareness, confidence, maintaining grace under pressure, tolerance for failure, persistence, empathy and people skills; make us better people and more effective leaders.

The Kokoda Leadership Challenge is one such experience that can contribute powerfully to your leadership journey. This year's participants share their lessons and reflections:

Excerpt from Eddies Journal.....

1. A good preparation allows you the opportunity to have more fun and a greater array of learning experiences. Thanks for running the preparation program. It was extremely well prepared and implemented. As a result I felt completely ready for tackling the track.

2. A group can give you a wider perspective of a journey. We all saw different things on the way. Sharing these things made the appreciation of what we experienced so much greater.

3. Having a 'Big Hairy Audacious Goal' is a great incentive for getting regular exercise.

For 4 years since the 2000 Olympics I have been unable to get into a regular fitness routine. Only after committing to the Kokoda trek was I able to find time for 3-4 fitness sessions in my week.

Eddie Denis – Olympic Water polo player & coach.

"It was a humbling and unforgettable experience"

John Crouch Brentnalls-SA Chartered Accountants

"Thanks for your enjoyable company on this extra ordinary journey. I have grown as a person over the past few months and feel humbled and recharged by the experience"

Sue Curtis Pt.Adelaide/Enfield Council



"The track was every bit as demanding and enjoyable as I thought it would be. I really can only think of positives from our time together; the track, weather, porters, terrain, jungle, history, villages, schools and meeting the 100year old fuzzy wuzzy angel."

Darryl Webb

Former SANFL Footballer

"The time on the track was special. I was totally out of my comfort zone and was challenged many times. I may not have coped as well, without the support of the team. Thank you for making this all possible. I am sure more people would enjoy the experience if they had your preparation programme to follow and the support of fellow trekkers.

John Beauchamp

Owner of Murray Bridge Shoe store

"It was a life changing experience for me. For nine days I was in the middle of the magnificent Kokoda jungle with no communication at all. Just the company of our team of trekkers, our porters/guides and the beautiful people who we met in the villages along the way. It was an invaluable opportunity to gain an insight into what our courageous heroes of WW2 experienced. Their sacrifice, courage, mateship and endurance were incredible. You could feel their spirit at Isurava Memorial two days from Kokoda Village."

Katrina Webb OAM

Paralympic Gold Medalist

"Thank you for an all round fantastic experience. I don't think I would have enjoyed the whole trip the way I did without all the add ons and the fantastic people who were a part of it. Doing the leadership program and getting to know everyone on a deeper level made the trip a much more personal and emotional journey. It is by far the best thing I've ever done for myself and has impacted me on many levels - physically, emotionally and spiritually."

Morgan Coull

Paramedic SA Ambulance