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John Merkus is an internationally recognised keynote speaker, podcast host, and expert in leadership, resilience, and cultivating a positive mindset. With over 20 years of experience, John empowers audiences to embrace change, unlock their potential, and thrive. Known for his energetic style and practical mindset tools, he delivers engaging keynotes, breakout sessions, and event hosting tailored to diverse audiences.

At just 23, John became a director and shareholder of a successful software firm, transforming it into a Microsoft Solution Provider. This early achievement sparked a dynamic career rooted in entrepreneurial spirit and a passion for growth. Guided by the philosophy of **CANI (Constant and Never-Ending Improvement)**, John draws inspiration from thought leaders like Dr Wayne Dyer, Brian Tracy, and Tony Robbins to shape his approach to personal and professional transformation.



A pivotal moment at a seminar featuring Dr Wayne Dyer and Louise Hay ignited John's passion for public speaking. That life-changing experience propelled him to dedicate his life to helping others through his powerful stage presence and practical insights. John's journey reflects a blend of creativity and leadership. A skilled musician, he has been a drummer, singer, songwriter, and producer, showcasing his zest for life. As a leader in agile delivery and business transformation, he empowers organisations to navigate change with resilience and confidence.

Outside of his professional life, John is a devoted husband and father of two teenagers, finding purpose in guiding his family while balancing a fulfilling career. Whether inspiring an audience with a captivating keynote, leading a transformative workshop, or facilitating personal breakthroughs, John Merkus is a powerful reminder of what's possible when we embrace change and commit to living our best lives.

Signature Keynote Topics



**KEYNOTE
SPEAKER**



**PODCAST
HOST**



**RESILIENCE
THROUGH
CHANGE**



**POSITIVE
MINDSET
GROWTH**



**HUMAN-
CENTRED
INNOVATION**

Resilient Leadership for Uncertain Times: Building strength and adaptability to thrive in challenging environments.

- Learn how to develop the mindset and skills needed to lead with confidence through uncertainty.

Unlocking Greatness Through Positive Change: Embracing change as an opportunity for growth and transformation.

- Discover how to reframe challenges as opportunities for growth and personal development.

The Power of a Positive Mindset: Practical strategies for overcoming challenges and fostering personal and professional success.

- Understand the impact of mindset on success and learn techniques to cultivate positivity.

AI for Positive Impact: Insights on how to use AI as a tool to enhance personal and business outcomes.

- Learn how to integrate AI tools to simplify tasks and improve decision-making.

Clients



Justice and Community Safety



Commonwealth Bank



REA Group



VILLAGE ROADSHOW



EnergyAustralia
LIGHT THE WAY



Asia's No.1 Online Property Group



THE CACHE GROUP
People Strategies



Australian Unity



Mercer



PhoenixDX

Testimonials



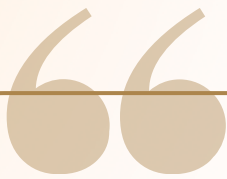
"Having worked with John, he's an enthusiastic and motivating trainer/presenter. He takes on the systems and skills knowledge quickly and delivers in a way that is concise, interesting, and memorable. Highly effective as a presenter and trainer. John is easy to work with in his managing role, and hence he's good at motivating his team beyond what they'd normally accomplish. That's Leadership!"



"John's breakout session gave us real tools we could use immediately. It was a game-changer for our team!"



"As an MC, John kept the energy high and made everyone feel welcome and engaged. He was the glue that held the event together."



I had the pleasure to work with John on a national roll out project conducted by Optus (SingTel.). John is an energetic person that easily relates to any group. He is a skilled trainer with an easy and relaxed presentation style. During the project John was involved in training modules and leaders guide development, train the trainer and delivery of actual training content. I would describe John as a positive person with a charismatic personality that is well suited for any HR or L&D department.

Event Versatility

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

John's breakout sessions are designed to inspire action, foster engagement, and provide attendees with tangible tools they can use immediately. Each session is interactive, practical, and highly customisable to your event's theme or goals. Whether you're looking to explore resilience strategies, positive mindset practices, or leadership insights, John's workshops empower participants to leave with actionable takeaways.



MAIN STAGE KEYNOTES

When it comes to the big stage, John captivates audiences with his dynamic storytelling, practical wisdom, and infectious positivity. His keynotes are perfect for setting the tone of your event, providing a powerful opening, or leaving attendees inspired and energised at the closing session. His topics range from embracing change and resilience to leadership and personal growth, ensuring your audience is motivated to take positive action.

EVENT HOSTING/MC SERVICES

As an experienced MC, John ensures your event runs smoothly, keeping energy levels high and transitions seamless. With his personable style and natural charisma, he connects with the audience, introduces speakers with flair, and maintains the event's momentum, all while aligning with the tone and objectives of the day.



Professional Achievements



Host of **Rise and Thrive Conversations for Greatness**, a podcast with more than 50 episodes inspiring resilience and leadership.



Over 20 years of experience in IT, agile delivery, and change management across diverse industries.



Keynote speaker and MC for organisations spanning technology, financial services, government, and more.



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Media Features and Recognition

- **Rise Up with Steve Collom:** Inspiring discussions on unlocking personal potential and embracing positive transformation.
- **Meaning and Moxie with Leslie Maloney:** Practical strategies for building resilience and thriving in life's challenges.
- **Self-Worth Revolution:** Tips for Your Transformational Journey with Vivian Medrano: A deep dive into self-worth and the mindset shifts that lead to lasting personal and professional success.

Your Next Step Towards Transformation!

Are you ready to inspire your audience, energise your team, or ignite personal growth? With over two decades of experience, John Merkus has the expertise, charisma, and passion to deliver impactful keynotes, practical workshops, and seamless event hosting tailored to your goals. Together, we can turn your event into a powerful moment of change and inspiration.

Let's Make It Happen! Contact Me Today!

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Let's create a moment that *resonates, inspires, and empowers* lasting change. I look forward to collaborating with you!

