

Speaking Testimonials

"I have had the pleasure of meeting Karen several times and listen to her amazing story. Each time I hear it, something different resonates and I take away new thoughts and a more positive perspective on whatever is happening (in my life) at that moment in time. It is more than listening to a story about surviving Black Saturday, every person who hears it will tune into what is important to them and reflect, thus creating a very personal experience. Karen recently visited our business to share her experiences, some comments:

'Karen is definitely an amazing woman with inner strength. One thing I will take away would be: 'Try to take on a positive perspective and do not dwell on the negative

"...sometimes we have to let change happen. Trying to over-engineer how we deal with things can actually be worse than just letting it happen. I think at an organisational level we try to engineer the perfect outcome and maybe there isn't one."

Janie Schwartz, HR Manager, PBIS, Pacific Brands

"An excellent and poignant presentation, a very candid account of the most confronting and absolute change one could possibly experience! Karen's real life exposure to the horrific fires of Black Saturday and her decision to 'choose' her attitude around living her 'unlived life' with a positive outlook was certainly inspirational and thought provoking. Her ability to tie in some of the key messages around change management in the corporate world gave our executive management team some meaningful takeaways around how change can impact individuals in many different ways, thank you Karen."

Heidi Bramberger, Manager Human Resources, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Regional Victoria and Tasmania

"Karen presented to my new team of Managers on the subject of "managing change". Her presentation was captivating and had a profound effect on a number of my staff who have come to me independently to share their experience and in one case pledge their full commitment to me which was an unexpected but very welcome thing. The result is they are much more engaged with me as their new Manager and will view change in the workplace in a different light. Thank you Karen!"

John Tacey, Area Manager, Yarra Ranges Area, Commonwealth Bank of Australia

Keeping your eye out for truly fresh and inspiring speakers with a story to share that is both relevant in the business world and leaves people thinking long after, can be a challenge. But we were lucky enough to cross paths with Karen Curnow who we had the pleasure and privilege of sharing some time with Karen spoke to our senior employees on a topic that is close to our hearts and the core service we provide – "Changing your experience of change and finding the flipside". Karen brings a new perspective on what can sometimes be a very tired and uninspiring topic that we somehow just don't seem to get any better at in organisations i.e. managing change. Whilst sharing a very personal experience that in many ways acted as a catalyst to take Karen on the next leg of her career, she is able to leave her audience with relevant and tangible outcomes to take away and test in their own environments. With the combination of her broad background and experience in professional services, her excellent presentation skills, professionalism, maturity, warmth and good humour, Karen is the perfect choice for the catalyst you may need to effect change in your team or organisation.

Sandra Foggatio, Director Client Services, Directioneering, Victoria