Damien’s journey and passion for life is inspiring, and his story proof that no challenge is too great. In Damien, the ANZAC spirit is truly alive and well.
“Damien’s story is emotional, motivating, heartfelt and inspiring. He has presented for us on over 10 occasions and has received a standing ovation every time from audiences who were deeply moved.”

Sam Tremethick, National Manager Strategic Partnerships, AIA Australia Limited

“Damien’s story is one of great courage and humility and there were significant lessons for everyone. His presentation was voted as the best at the conference. I would have no hesitation in recommending Damien.”

Ray Miles, Executive Chairman, Fortnum Financial Advisers

“No speaker has inspired or made a bigger impact than Damien”

Manager, DTZ

“Damien exemplifies a true Aussie hero - courage, humour, resilience, genuineness – and is the perfect fit as our Ambassador. He is fantastic to work with, professional and skilled. People are really drawn to him.”

Robyn Collins, General Manager, DefenceCare

“Damien is one of Australia’s most inspiring people. He embodies tenacity, loyalty, optimism and drive. His compelling story continues to inspire audiences to action.”

John Bale, CEO, Soldier On

ABOUT DAMIEN THOMLINSON

In April 2009, while serving in Afghanistan with the 2nd Commando Regiment, Damien’s life was changed forever when his unit drove over an improvised Taliban bomb. Damien suffered horrendous injuries in the explosion, which resulted in both of his legs being amputated. The damage to his body was so severe it is a miracle he survived.

Damien threw himself into his rehabilitation and set about re-claiming his life with incredible drive and determination, teaching himself to walk again with state of the art prosthetic legs.

Damien’s mission has seen him undertake many challenges. He has participated in the TARGA Tasmania classic car rally, and has walked the demanding Kokoda Track. He also took up snowboarding as part of his personal challenges during rehabilitation, and aspires to represent Australia at the Winter Paralympics in 2018.

His autobiography Without Warning was released in late 2013 and has been extremely successful. In 2014 he became the public face of the Minute of Silence ANZAC appeal for the RSL. He is also an ambassador for the Commando Welfare Trust, DefenceCare and Soldier On.

Today, Damien uses his experiences, passion for life and journey to inspire and motivate. He is an accomplished and highly sought after motivational speaker, his triumph against adversity, positive attitude and ambition for the future resonating with people from all walks of life.

Damien’s incredible journey stands as proof that no challenge is too great and that the ANZAC spirit is truly alive and well.