



**Matt McFadyen** grew up in suburban Sydney fascinated by the mysteries of life beyond the confines of his home and familiar surroundings.

In December 2003, Matt McFadyen 'the adventurer' was born when, at the tender age of 22 years, he set sail for Antarctica in the company of five like-minded adventurers.

Taking a 43-foot yacht across the most dangerous ocean on earth was no easy task. Having to navigate fields of icebergs while beset by storms of mammoth intensity, Matt was forced to draw on every ounce of courage and perseverance he could muster as nature surely tested his resolve and that of his fellow adventurers.

The meticulous planning and preparatory work that had taken two years to complete paid off in January 2004 when the team reached Commonwealth Bay Antarctica. For four days the hardy adventurers explored the pristine wilderness that is Antarctica. A life changing experience for any person let alone one so young as Matt.

On the return voyage Matt again experienced the raw force and power of nature. The small craft was pounded by a massive storm 550 nautical miles south of Tasmania. Waves of up to fifty feet high swept across the yacht knocking it over several times. The whole crew had to struggle for their life's as the waves continued to knock the boat over. This harrowing experience and the raw power of nature **inspired** and motivated Matt to further adventures.

He has since become the youngest Australian to ski to the North Pole, having made several last degree expeditions.

When not exploring the Polar Regions Matt makes his living as a sought after international Motivational Speaker. His presentations focus on his years of ex...

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### Speech Topics

- ▮ Teambuilding
- ▮ Overcoming Adversity
- ▮ Motivation
- ▮ Inspiration
- ▮ Change



## Testimonials

▮ "Matt's presentation was terrific. He cleverly articulated to our executive team the mission, challenges and ups and downs of a polar expedition. He did this in a manner which grabbed the attention of everyone in the room, through his confidence and ability to get everyone emotionally involved with the enormity of his task to get to the North Pole."

- Telstra.

▮ "The most successful staff engagement event to date: 96% of people found the North Pole Xpedition inspiring. 93% of people found the overall firm briefing valuable."

- PricewaterhouseCoopers Australia.