

Richard Habelrih

PUBLIC SPEAKER | ENTREPRENEUR | MODEL |
DISABILITY ADVOCATE

Richard challenges the expectations of what people living with disability can achieve. He uses storytelling, humour and lived experience to challenge perceptions of autism and disability. His achievements are particularly powerful given his initial prognosis.

Today, he is an award-winning public speaker, runs his own chocolate business, and is a professional model who has appeared in several campaigns.

AWARD-WINNING SPEAKER

Richard speaks at schools, conferences, and corporate functions, sharing his experiences of autism, bullying, inclusion, employment and overcoming the expectations placed upon him. His favourite bookings are those he has to fly to!

Richard has a natural ability to connect with audiences and deliver an authentic message that stays with people long after he leaves the stage.

He has also created a unique puppet show about friendship and kindness, called Timay the Turtle in order to deliver his message to a younger audience.

ENTREPRENEUR – FRECKLY FACES

Richard is the founder of Freckly Faces, his own chocolate business, which has grown from an entrepreneurial idea during lockdown, into an award winning business supplying personalised chocolates for corporate, community and major event clients.

Freckly Faces clients have included:

Meta | Channel 7 | NSW Premier's Office | QVB | Westfield | Allianz Stadium | McGrath Foundation | Calvin Klein | Autism Australia | Aspect | CBRE

RECOGNITION & ACHIEVEMENTS

2025 Randwick City Australia Day Community Service Award

2023 – Vi Robbins Award

Selected from Kingsford Smith Community Service Award recipients in recognition of Richard's outstanding contribution to the community.

2023 – Kingsford Smith Community Service Award

Recognising Richard's contribution to his local community.

2022 – Winner, Best Online Business for Freckly Faces at The Randwick City

Local Business Awards. Freckly Faces competed in a mainstream business category. For Richard this recognition was particularly meaningful, as his business was judged on its merits alongside other local businesses, rather than through the lens of disability.

2020 – Westfield Local Hero Recognised for promoting kindness, inclusion and greater understanding of autism.



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