



DAVE JACKA

BIO

At 19, Dave Jacka had a motorbike accident that was to change his life forever. He was left with quadriplegia and just 6% physical function.

Since then, Dave has re-learned to feed himself, returned to full time work, been a paralympian in wheelchair rugby, married, and become a respected aviator. An innovative problem solver, with an engineering background, Dave designed & developed novel modifications to enable him to fly with his disability.

In 2013, Dave became the first quadriplegic in the world to fly solo around Australia. The aim of this epic flight was to spread the message of *On a Wing and a Chair*, a charity Dave founded.

The mission of *On a Wing and a Chair* was to smash disability stereotypes, opening minds as to what someone with a disability can achieve, and inspiring everyone, with or without a disability, to follow their dreams.

For this epic achievement, Dave was awarded the 2013 Victoria's Pride of Australia Medal for Courage. He was also a Victorian State Finalist for the 2014 Australian of the Year Award.

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