

DOUG YOUNG

- World Renowned Big Wave Surfer -



Born in Christchurch on 15 April 1976, Doug has been surfing since he was nine years old. He grew up in the backblocks of Aranui, went through trials and tribulations as a troubled teenager, had some life changing experiences and has made the transition into one of the world's premier big wave surfers. He is an adrenalin junkie, whose enthusiasm is addictive, and he has one of those memorable and infectious laughs.



Doug at Jaws

He is not your typical “beach bum” surfer however. He has a Bachelors Degree from Otago University and is very scientific in his approach to finding the biggest waves on the planet, and minimizing the risks associated with the sport.

Doug has previously been featured on TV1's Sunday programme, 20/20 and Sports Café.

He placed 3rd in the world for the "Ride of the Year" at the 2006 Billabong Global Big Wave Awards.

Doug's current challenges are:

- To be the first person ever to surf a 100 foot wave.
- Setting up Big Surfer Aotearoa – the first organization in New Zealand to promote big wave surfing, and set safety standards and competencies for big wave surfing.



Doug on his award winning wave in Tahiti October 2006

Doug Young – Celebrity Speaker

Doug is a fresh new talent on the speaking circuit. His recent exploits have really propelled him into the limelight. Although new to public speaking, he is quickly gathering momentum. As well as having some great stories about searching the planet and riding 60 foot waves, Doug is extremely entertaining, and his underlying life messages of beating adversity, self belief, and reaching your dreams are very powerful.

His audience appeal is diverse particularly because what he does is "sexy" (and therefore will capture audience attention), and his messages and method of delivery means he will get across to the audience and leave them with plenty to think about.

Doug's topics include:

- Elite sport preparation, involvement, adventure and entertainment
- Inspiration
- Leadership
- Motivation
- Personal achievement
- Goal setting
- Peak performance
- Risk management
- Success

Doug's audiences include:

- After dinner speaker – sports and corporate organizations.
- Corporate/staff training/ team building seminars.
- Educational groups, particularly inspiring youth.
- High performance sports groups/people
- Corporate & Sport conferences

His presentation at this stage is for 1-1 ½ hours. The basic format is:

- Introductory DVD on Doug and him surfing big waves (about 10 mins)
- Doug talking about how he got started, his life changing experiences, and living his dreams.
- A small segment on the “science of Surfing” including some lab testing footage at Otago University.
- Finish with motivating segment on striving for goals and achieving them etc.
- Questions.

Of course this can be tailored to specific audiences.



References

Here is what *Allan Byrne (founder of Byrnes Spears Clothing and NZ surfing legend)* recently said about Doug:

"It is with great pleasure that we welcome Doug Young to the Byrning Spears stable of surfers. Doug is considered one of the world's leading big wave riders, with standout performances at "Jaws" and "Mavericks" and an outstanding 3rd placing in the "World's Heaviest Barrel of the Year", this year.

This is a feat that no kiwi has ever been honoured with and I'm sure Dougy will be telling this story to his grandkids. A truly memorable moment both on a personal level and as one for New Zealand surfing as a whole. But it is his performances in the far south, particularly "Papatowai", that show the true nature of this kiwi character.

Anyone who has met Dougy comes away with a sense of having been in the company of one of surfing and New Zealand's luminaries. At the moment the forecast in the deep south is for snow to sea level and a 12 metre plus swell. The TV is showing pictures of a winter wonderland, the ski fields are looking awesome and here is the guy ringing me, absolutely ecstatic with the chance to paddle out, perhaps alone, into life threatening conditions. I am in awe of this man. Understand he does this because he loves it, not because people expect it of him, or because it will make him famous. He was doing this long before anyone recognised him for his performances.

Inside this surfer beats the heart of one of New Zealand's great characters, and he has only just begun. This year Doug has decided he wants to dedicate himself to searching out and surfing New Zealand's unsurfed and largest waves. That's for New Zealand, that's staunch.

Dougy, it is an honour to call you a friend and we collectively thank you for inspiring us all to greater things."

Also refer to profile for reference from Bay Sport Management.

Recent Speaking Engagements

- Canterbury Surf Life Saving 90th awards dinner - Guest Speaker - 1hr - contact Grant Lewis - 021 400 201
- Rangī Ruru College - Assembly Guest speaker - 45mins - contact Debbie Robertson - 03 983 3700
- Avonside Girls - Assembly Guest speaker - 45mins - contact Kaye Nordstorm - 027 226 7499
- Cashmere High School - Assembly Guest speaker - 45mins - contact Peter Sawyer - 03 3329129
- Discovery 1 - Guest speaker - 45mins - contact Daniel Birch- 03 3654678
- Unlimited - Guest speaker - 45mins - contact Tara - 03 3777773

Schedule of Fees (plus GST)

Educational Groups, Youth Sporting	\$500	Up to one hour presentation and/or involvement with audience.
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After dinner Guest Speaker	\$1000	Up to one hour presentation.
Corporate training & Conferences etc.	\$500 - \$2000	Up to 2 hours. Includes presentation and involvement in group discussion/activities.
Other	negotiable	depending on type of organization and audience.

Note: travel and accommodation costs not included.

Promotional Material

- PDF Profile
- Professionally prepared DVD containing TV programmes and footage
- Photos
- Web links to articles, stories and photos
- Equipment (boards, sled etc.) available for displays

