



**Caleb Rixon** Stroke survivor | Speaker | Consultant  
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## Bio

Caleb is a stroke survivor, speaker & Chief Vision Officer for [genyus network](#) – a social enterprise providing a platform for people touched by disability & difference. His stories are featured by [Huff Post](#), [ABC Radio National](#), [JOY FM](#), ["2 Girls 1 Podcast"](#), 7 Network's ["7 Network's 'House of Wellness'"](#), [SBS "Insight"](#) and [ABC News](#).

He holds a Bachelor of Arts from Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) & Master of Film & Television from Victorian College of the Arts (VCA) Film School.

Caleb works in a variety of roles; including course advisory committee member and sessional tutor for La Trobe University Occupational Therapy department, content consultant for Deakin University Sexual Lives Respectful Relationships, plus co-design & consultation for Accessible Inclusive Geelong, NOVELL Redesign & Stroke Foundation - Young Stroke Project.

Recognitions for his work include being a finalist at Consumer Health Forum Shifting Gears Summit ["Big Ideas Forum 2021"](#), and for Stroke Foundation; the *2018 Creative Award* & *2022 Improving Life After Stroke Award*.

Caleb delivers events for research & healthcare sectors incl. La Trobe, ACU & Monash Universities, Stroke Foundation, Florey Institute of Neuroscience & Mental Health. Keynote presentations include Hunter Medical Research Institute, National Disability Insurance Agency, STROKE 2018, Occupational Therapy Australia, Australasian Society for the Study of Brain impairment, BUPA, L'Oréal Australia, Health Informatics Conference, Australasian Institute of Digital Health - Summit.

Caleb has facilitated expert panels for [Occupational Therapy Australia](#) & [ASSBI Online Webinar Series](#) plus the [6th Pacific Rim Conference \(ASSBI, INS, CCN\)](#) co-producing [Fresh Voices in Brain Impairment](#).

A cheeky and charismatic MC, Cal brings unique value to special events including weddings, fundraisers such as 'Will2Walk 2018' which helped raise over \$40,000 for Stroke Association of Victoria, and symposiums such as [genU's celebration for International Day for People With Disability 'TOGETHER'](#).

In 2022, Caleb was a [panelist for Digital Health Week](#), published a [journal article in "Brain Impairment" for ASSBI](#), delivered [keynote presentations for IDP Australia](#) and [UK Stroke Forum](#). He presented segments on [ABC TV Artworks](#) and [ABC News Breakfast](#) and fronted federal government campaign [#PlaySafeStaySafe](#).

Next up, Caleb is looking forward to acting as MC for [Occupational Therapy Australia's 2023 conference](#).

## Endorsements

*"Just had the pleasure of hearing Caleb Rixon speaking first up in the Humanising healthcare session at UK Stroke Forum 22. Rousing calls to arms for professionals to attend to the rhetoric and remarks we make that disconnect us from patients as humans."*

— Professor Madeline Cruice, Speech Pathology researcher and Professor at City, University of London (UK).

*"I fully endorse working with Caleb. He presented one of the most moving accounts of head injury that I have ever heard; he provided remarkable insights into his day to day experiences of recovery & his wider perceptions. Caleb is warm, honest & engaging & he managed to make the audience both laugh out loud & then almost moved them to tears. He has a clear message, & doesn't pull back any punches with this. His insights are gold dust for clinicians, researchers & all people working in professional care."*

— Professor Avril Drummond, Professor Healthcare Research at University of Nottingham (UK).

*"Caleb's powerful personal keynote address set the programme proper off to an exceptional start from the insider's perspective - wisdom and entertainment so skilfully crafted!"*

— Professor Jacinta Douglas, La Trobe University (Australia)

*"Caleb Rixon talked to us last week about Resilience and Connection. His story and journey were weaved throughout and made his message relatable and meaningful. I know the words resilience and connection will continue to drive what I do and how I interact."*

— Nicole Lam, Diversity and Inclusion at IDP Australia

*"Cal stepped into the MC role seamlessly. We couldn't have hoped for a better MC and panel of speakers."*

— Joanne Forssman, Inclusion Manager at genU (Australia)