



# Stephen Inger

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## Wheel Talk Presenter Profile

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### INTRODUCTION

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| <b>Date of Birth:</b> | 11 May 1956                  |
| <b>Sport:</b>         | Wheelchair Basketball        |
| <b>Disability:</b>    | Below Knee Amputee           |
| <b>How acquired:</b>  | Motorcycle accident          |
| <b>Residence:</b>     | Jeeralang Junction, Victoria |
| <b>Occupation:</b>    | Instrument Engineer          |

### BIOGRAPHY

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**Sporting Career Highlights:** Completing the Red Cross Canoe Marathon

Stephen is a regionally based presenter of the successful Wheel Talk Disability Awareness Program. His inspiration to become a presenter was fuelled by the desire to spread the word about the importance of participating in sport and recreation for people with disabilities and in doing so, seeing students learn about Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) and its prevention, and also having fun while participating in wheelchair basketball for the first time.

Stephen has always been a motorcycling enthusiast and it was one his way home from work one day that his life changed forever. Riding home from work, he encountered a vehicle driven by a drunk driver that drove around the corner too wide and too fast, with Stephen trying to dodge him and consequently resulting in a serious accident that required the amputation of the lower part of his left leg. His disability acquired in adulthood has not prevented him from continuing to lead a full and active lifestyle, working full-time and being a proud father.

When he is not working as an Instrument Engineer for Hazelwood Power Station, Stephen is heavily involved with the sport of basketball, engaging as a coach, referee and board member of junior basketball clubs within the region. Stephen also enjoys challenging himself with games, puzzles and cards and spending time with his family in his spare time.

Stephen was inspired to get on with life and make the most of every opportunity following his accident after befriending a fellow patient in rehabilitation. Despite having lost both of her legs, she could dance and it was then that he realised there was nothing wrong with him. It is with this positive attitude that he advises others to "never accept that you cannot do something until you have at least tried it and given it a fair go".

**Favourite Quote:** *"Never say it cannot be done because you will be contradicted by somebody doing it"*