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## Mike Walsh

CEO – Tomorrow Author – The Algorithmic Leader

Futurist, Speaker & Author Technology, Innovation and the Future of Business



Mike Walsh works at the interface of technology, new markets and human development to identify a blueprint for the organisation of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

#### **Professional experience**

- He is the Founder and CEO of Tomorrow, a strategic advisory firm that advises the CEOs and boards of global Fortune 500 organisations on how best to position themselves to benefit from the dramatic technological change.
- Rather than focusing on the distant future, Mike takes an anthropological approach scanning the near horizon for emerging technologies and disruptive shifts in human behavior, and then translating these into pragmatic plans for business transformation.
- Constantly traveling the world for the best ideas, Mike spends more than 300 days a year on the road interviewing innovators, entrepreneurs and corporate revolutionaries to provide his clients and audiences with a fresh and compelling vision of tomorrow's opportunities.
- Credited as one of Australia's "Top 30 Entrepreneurs Under 30" by the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Age* newspaper.
- Mike was ranked '5th Best Speaker in the World' in the XVIII World Debating Championships, Athens.
- Publisher of the 'Disruptive Future', a blog read by thousands of professionals in the media and entertainment space.
- A published photographer and supporter of the Arts, his photographic images helped FUTURETAINMENT win an Art Director's Club award in NYC.
- A global nomad who constantly travels the world in search of the best new ideas Mike distills the most relevant insights into tailored presentations.

#### Books, Published papers, Media

- Author of *The Algorithmic Leader: How to be smart when machines are smarter than* you (2019) where Futurist and global nomad Mike Walsh has synthesized years of research and interviews with some of the world's top business leaders, Al pioneers and data scientists into a set of 10 principles about what it takes to succeed in the algorithmic age.
- Author of *The Dictionary of Dangerous Ideas* (2015) in which Mike presents 88 scientific breakthroughs, emerging technologies and disruptive business models all with the potential to shake the foundations of the world we know.
- Author of best seller *Futuretainment:* Yesterday the World Changed, Now It's Your *Turn* (2009) and *The Divergence* (2012) in which Mike shows us how the intersection of emerging technologies, consumer behavior and fast growth markets will lead to opportunities in the future.



• A prolific writer and commentator, Mike's views have appeared in a wide range of international publications including Harvard Business Review, Inc. Magazine, BusinessWeek, Forbes and the Wall Street Journal.

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- Each week he interviews provocative thinkers, innovators and troublemakers on his podcast, Between Worlds.
- Publisher of the 'Disruptive Future' blog read by thousands of professionals in media and entertainment.

### Sample assignments

- Mike has delivered close to a thousand keynote speeches around the world to companies in almost every industry. His customized presentations leave audiences prepared and inspired to transform the way they do business.
- In 2014, Mike was invited to be a main stage keynote speaker at the Million Dollar Round Table with an audience of more than 8,000 people, one of the most prestigious events on the global speaking circuit.
- In addition to conference keynotes, he conducts strategy workshops and is invited into board meetings to talk about the future challenges and opportunities at a strategic level.
- What makes Mike Walsh different from other futurist and innovation speakers is his background in
  research and strategic consulting, enabling him to lead clients through a process, designed to pinpoint the
  most relevant issues impacting their business and therefore the strategies with the best chance of
  delivering meaningful change.

### Sample presentation topics

- The Algorithmic Leader In this inspiring keynote, Mike Walsh, futurist and author will present a vivid portrait of a brave new world orchestrated by machines that think, and how tomorrow's leaders can upgrade their capabilities to survive and thrive in an age of accelerating technology.
- Designing your business for the 21st century In this keynote, Walsh will outline the megatrends shaping the future of business and consumer behaviour, and the lessons learned from successful Fortune 500 companies on leveraging disruptive innovation, adopting a data-driven mindset and leading change through digital transformation.

### Mike Walsh - Personal bio-data

- Founder & CEO, Tomorrow Ltd, an innovation research lab (2006-present)
- Group Strategy, News Limited (2004-6)
- Managing Director, Jupiter Research (2002-3)
- Managing Director, internet.com (1999-2001)
- Analyst, Ion Global (1998-9)
- Business Analyst, Bain International (1997-8)
- Served on the Director's Circle at the Australian Museum of Contemporary Art
- Holds a degree (with Distinction) in Law, Commercial & Media from the University of New South Wales

### **Client testimonials**

""Dynamic, highly relevant and stimulating, with fresh and unique insights." Chairman & CEO, Grey Group Asia Pacific

"Great session Mike, I liked your premise of customer-focused innovation and finding out the "one thing" that would make the board spill their coffee." Cloud Director, Cisco Systems

"Mike tailors his speech to his audience and is **excellent in delivery** ... he **lives and breathes his field** and has a strong focus on helping organisations achieve the outcomes they need." CEO, Centre for The Edge, **Deloitte Australia** 

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