

## Tim Jarvis

Environmental Scientist, Author, and Adventurer

Tim Jarvis, AM (Member of the Order of Australia), is an environmental scientist, author, adventurer, and public speaker with Masters Degrees in environmental science and environmental law. He is committed to finding pragmatic solutions to major environmental issues related to climate change and biodiversity loss. He uses his public speaking engagements, films, and books about his expeditions and work to promote progressive thinking in these areas.

Following in Shackleton's Footsteps. Tim's most recent expedition, the Shackleton Epic, was successfully completed in February 2013. It was the first authentic retracing of polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton's "double" - sailing a replica James Caird life boat 1500 kilometers across the Southern Ocean from Elephant Island, Antarctica, to South Georgia before climbing over its mountainous interior using the same rudimentary equipment, period clothing, and technology as Shackleton. Regarded by many as the greatest survival journey of all time, this is the first time since Shackleton that anybody has been able to authentically recreate it.

Tim's other expeditions include journeys to the South and North Poles, across Australia's largest desert, the Great Victoria Desert, and in retracing the polar journey of Sir Douglas Mawson using 100 year old gear and equipment and starvation rations, as Mawson did in 1913.

Distinguished Author. Tim is author of Chasing Shackleton (Shackleton's Epic in Aus and UK), the Harper Collins international release about his most recent expedition. A Discovery Channel and PBS documentary film, Chasing Shackleton (Shackleton Death or Glory in UK and Australia) has been made about the expedition and aired in January 2014 in the USA (Oct/Dec in UK and Australia). Jarvis is also the author of The Unforgiving Minute about his first three polar expeditions, and Mawson: Life and Death in Antarctica, which was released in conjunction with an international documentary film of the same name that was officially endorsed by the United Nations Environment Program in 2009. He is also the co-author of The Frozen Planet, an academic book that was jointly released with Sir David Attenborough's BBC television series.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

Tim Jarvis

- was named Classic Boat Magazine's Person of the Year for 2014 by the world-renowned magazine;
- is the Australian Adventurer of the Year for 2013 (Australian Geographic Society);
- received the Sydney Institute of Marine Science Emerald award in 2013 for services to the environment;
- the Royal Institute of Navigation's Certificate of Achievement as Expedition Leader of the Shackleton Epic Expedition Team;
- was conferred a Member of the Order of Australia in the 2010 Australian honors list for his services to the environment, community, and exploration;
- was made a fellow of the Yale World Fellows Program in 2009 based on his international leadership in the field of environmental sustainability;
- was awarded the Australian Geographic Society's 'Spirit of Adventure' medal for his kayak journey across Australia's largest salt lake, Lake Eyre, in 2004;

- holds the record for the fastest unsupported journey to the South Pole;
- is also Patron of Nature Play SA – an organisation established to increase the time children spend in unstructured play outdoors and in nature to improve their fitness, problem solving ability, emotional resilience and mental wellbeing.

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