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From the Editor

There's something about the Global Speakers Summit (GSS) that stays with you long after it's over. Maybe it's the way ideas spark and take on a life of their own, or how a single conversation can open doors you never even knew existed. Maybe it's the friendships—the kind that don't just last for a conference, but for a lifetime.

For Rael Bricker, it was a conversation in Auckland that turned into global opportunities (and a few shared whiskies with Charles Marcus along the way). Nienke Bloem found the kind of clarity that reshaped her business and gave her a renewed sense of purpose. Taryn-lee Kearney left not just with her CSP, but with the confidence to step into a bigger, bolder version of herself—and a promise to help others do the same.

Because that's what GSS does. It lifts us. It challenges us.
It reminds us that we are never alone in this journey.

And this time, we have Cairns as our backdrop—a place rich in ancient wisdom, breathtaking landscapes, and the kind of beauty that makes you pause and take it all in. Whether you come for the adventure, the learning, or the connections, you will leave with something far greater than you expected.

So, as you turn these pages, I hope you feel the energy, the excitement, and the endless possibilities that lie ahead. When speakers come together, something truly magical happens.

And I can't wait to experience it with you.

See you in Cairns.

Warmest Wishes,
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Message from GSF



Welcome to GSS2026!

As the incoming President of the Global Speakers Federation, it is my absolute pleasure to welcome you to the Global Speakers Summit 2026 in the stunning city of Cairns, Australia! This is more than just a conference—it's a global gathering of the best and brightest minds in the speaking industry, and I am beyond excited to be part of it.

The Global Speakers Summit (GSS) is where we come together to share ideas, elevate our businesses, and strengthen our connections across borders. With delegates attending from all around the world, this is a unique opportunity to learn from top-tier experts, thought leaders, and business innovators who are shaping the future of professional speaking. I can't wait to meet old friends, make new ones, and experience the incredible energy that only GSS can deliver.

I am thrilled to be attending GSS2026 in person, and I encourage YOU to register and be part of this extraordinary experience. The learning, the networking, and the sheer inspiration you will gain from this event will elevate your speaking career to new heights.

This magazine is also a fantastic opportunity for sponsors to get involved and showcase their products and services to a highly engaged, international audience. If you're looking to connect with professional speakers, trainers, and business influencers, this is the perfect platform to share your offerings and make a lasting impact.

I look forward to seeing you in Cairns—together, let's elevate our industry, our businesses, and our impact on the world!

See you at GSS2026!

**MIKE HANDCOCK, CSP, GLOBAL SPEAKING FELLOW
PRESIDENT-ELECT,
GLOBAL SPEAKERS FEDERATION**

Letter from the team



Welcome to the First Edition of the Global Speakers Summit 2026 Magazine

We are thrilled to bring you the first of four quarterly editions leading up to the Global Speakers Summit in March 2026! Over the next 12 months, this magazine will keep you informed and inspired as we count down to an unforgettable event in the stunning city of Cairns, Australia.

Inside, you'll find exclusive insights into the Summit program, speaker announcements, behind-the-scenes updates, and must-know details about Cairns and its breathtaking surroundings.

Whether you're preparing to take the stage or eager to connect with the world's top speakers, this magazine will be your go-to resource. A special thank you to our sponsors, whose support makes this publication and the Summit possible.

We encourage you to check out their products and services—after all, great partnerships lead to great opportunities!

With just 12 months to go, now is the time to:

- ✓ Submit your application to speak
- ✓ Secure your accommodation
- ✓ Plan your pre- and post-Summit adventures in Tropical North Queensland

Stay tuned for more updates, and we can't wait to welcome you to Cairns for an extraordinary gathering of global thought leaders!

See you at the Summit!

LINDSAY ADAMS, OAM CSP
GLOBAL SPEAKERS SUMMIT 2026 TEAM

Message from PSA



Dear Global Speakers Summit Community,

It is with great excitement that we introduce the first edition of the Global Speakers Summit 2026 magazine! As we begin the countdown to this extraordinary event in March 2026, this publication will be your essential guide, keeping you informed, inspired, and engaged every step of the way.

Over the coming months, this magazine will bring you exclusive insights into the Summit program, speaker announcements, behind-the-scenes updates, opportunities, and invaluable details about Cairns—our stunning host city. Whether you are preparing to take the stage or eager to connect with the world's leading speakers, this is your go-to resource for all things GSS2026.

A heartfelt thank you to our volunteers, sponsors and partners for their support in making both this publication and the Summit possible. We encourage you to explore their offerings, as great collaborations often lead to even greater opportunities!

Stay tuned for more updates, and get ready for an unforgettable experience where the world's best speakers, thought leaders, and industry experts will come together to share, learn, and grow.

We can't wait to welcome you to Cairns for this incredible gathering of global speaking professionals!

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Welcome to the Global Speakers Summit 2026!

The Global Speakers Summit is the premier international gathering for professional speakers, thought leaders, and industry influencers from around the world. Held only once every two years, this much-anticipated event is the only global conference that brings together speaker associations from all around the world. In 2026, the Summit is proudly hosted by Professional Speakers Australia (PSA) and will take place in the stunning city of Cairns, Tropical North Queensland—a world-class destination known for its breathtaking natural beauty, vibrant culture, and warm hospitality.



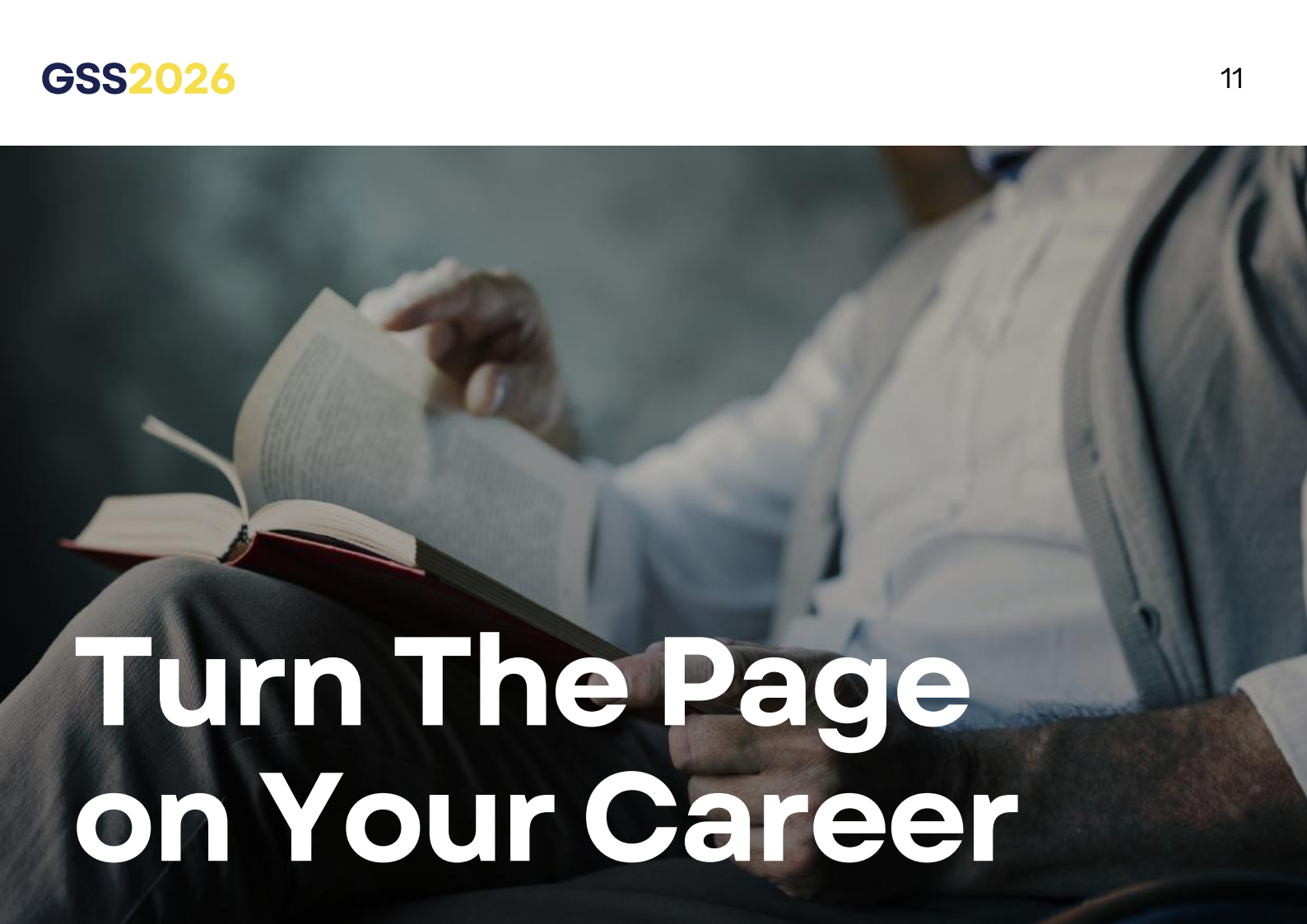
With over 400 delegates from across the globe, this Summit offers an unparalleled opportunity for professional speakers to learn, connect, and elevate their careers.

Attendees will experience cutting-edge insights, dynamic keynote presentations, and engaging networking opportunities, all within an environment designed to inspire and empower.

Whether you're an emerging speaker or a seasoned professional, the Global Speakers Summit 2026 is your chance to be part of a global movement shaping the future of the speaking industry.

Get ready for an unforgettable experience in Cairns!



A person wearing a white lab coat is sitting and reading a book. The image is slightly blurred, focusing on the text overlay.

Turn The Page on Your Career

The Case for the Author Showcase

In the realm of professional speaking and thought leadership, authoring a book is akin to planting a flag atop a mountain, signalling to the world your expertise and authority. This act not only solidifies your position as a subject matter expert but also unlocks numerous opportunities that can elevate your career to new heights.

Establishing Credibility and Authority

Writing a book serves as a testament to your knowledge and dedication in your field. It provides tangible evidence of your expertise, allowing you to delve deeper into your subject matter than typical speaking engagements permit. This depth fosters trust among your audience, as they recognize the effort and insight required to produce a comprehensive work. As noted by Forbes Books, publishing offers an impressive return on investment by unlocking greater credibility and public relations opportunities.

Expanding Reach and Influence

A book extends your influence beyond the stage, reaching readers worldwide and opening doors to new audiences. It acts as a perpetual ambassador for your ideas, circulating in circles you might not have accessed otherwise. This expanded reach can lead to invitations for more speaking engagements, interviews, and collaborations, further amplifying your voice in the industry.

Enhancing Networking Opportunities

Authorship creates avenues for meaningful connections with peers, industry leaders, and potential clients. Your book serves as a conversation starter, providing common ground for discussions and collaborations. It positions you as a thought leader, making others more inclined to seek your insights and partnership. As highlighted by Gotham Ghostwriters, authorship cements expertise, boosts credibility, expands networks, generates leads, advances careers, and builds legacies.

The Book as a Key

Imagine your career as a series of doors, each leading to new opportunities and stages of growth. Authoring a book is like crafting a master key that unlocks these doors. It grants you access to rooms filled with more potential clients, collaborators, and platforms eager to hear your message. Without this key, some doors may remain closed, limiting your professional advancement.

Invitation to the Author Showcase

Recognizing the profound impact of authorship, the Global Speakers Summit 2026 is offering an exclusive Author Showcase. This opportunity is designed for authors to present their work to an engaged, global audience of professional speakers and industry leaders.

Participating in the showcase provides unparalleled visibility, high-quality promotional content, and direct engagement with decision-makers in the speaking industry. With only nine slots available, this platform is both prestigious and exclusive.

In conclusion, authoring a book is a strategic move for speakers and thought leaders aiming to elevate their credibility, expand their reach, and unlock new opportunities. The Global Speakers Summit 2026's Author Showcase offers a unique platform to amplify your message and connect with a global audience. Seize this opportunity to turn your authorship into a powerful catalyst for professional growth.

For More Information:

<https://gss2026.com/author-showcase>



Sally Foley-Lewis, CSP is a global expert in middle management leadership and productivity. With over 20 years of experience, Sally empowers middle managers to boost performance, delegate with confidence, give feedback that sticks, and lead with purpose.

A multi-award-winning speaker, educator, author and mentor, she's known for her practical, no-fluff style, a dash of humour, and deep commitment to unlocking leadership potential in the often-overlooked middle.

As the creator of six books, including, *The Productive Leader* and *The 5 Key Ingredients (and Secret Sauce)* to High-Performing Middle Managers, Sally's mission is simple: lift leaders to lead.



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How many did you get right?

- ♥ 10-13: True Blue Aussie! 🦘
- 👉 6-9: Almost there, mate! 🌐
- ♥ 1-5: Time to brush up on your Aussie slang!

1. **Barbie** –
 - a) A doll
 - b) A barbecue
 - c) A hairstyle
2. **Brolly** –
 - a) A type of hat
 - b) An umbrella
 - c) A rain dance
3. **Drongo** –
 - a) A genius
 - b) A fool
 - c) A bird
4. **Dunny** –
 - a) A toilet
 - b) A dance move
 - c) A backpack
5. **Durry** –
 - a) A cigarette
 - b) A blanket
 - c) A hot drink
6. **Tinny** –
 - a) A small boat
 - b) A can of beer
 - c) Both a & b
7. **Thongs** –
 - a) A type of hat
 - b) Flip-flops
 - c) A dance move
8. **Shark Biscuit** –
 - a) A beach snack
 - b) A kid at the beach
 - c) A surfboard
9. **Sheila** –
 - a) A type of dress
 - b) A woman
 - c) A friendly greeting
10. **Billy** –
 - a) A teapot
 - b) A cowboy
 - c) A sleeping bag
11. **Daks** –
 - a) A snack
 - b) Trousers
 - c) A dog breed
12. **Sanger** –
 - a) A sandwich
 - b) A sausage
 - c) A handshake

1. Barbie – Barbecue, 2. Brolly – Umbrella, 3. Drongo – a Fool, 4. Dunny – Toilet, 5. Durry – Cigarette, 6. Tinny – Can of beer or small boat, 7. Thongs – Flip Flops, 8. Shark biscuit – kids at the beach, 9. Sheila – A woman, 10. Billy – Teapot, 11. Daks – Trousers, 12. Sanger – Sandwich

Speakers' Toolbox

Why Every Speaker Needs These Top 10 Business Apps Right Now

The business of speaking isn't just about being great on stage, it's about running a smart, efficient, and profitable business behind the scenes. In today's fast-paced world, professional speakers need to be more than just powerful presenters; they need to be content creators, marketers, relationship builders, and business strategists. That's where the right business apps come in.

Whether you need to streamline your workflow, manage your schedule, enhance your presentations, or grow your audience, technology is your secret weapon. The best speakers in the world are already leveraging AI-driven assistants, automation tools, and business apps to stay organised, save time, and maximise their impact and if you want to stay ahead in the speaking industry, you need to do the same.

So, what are the must-have tools for speakers in 2025? We've put together a list of the Top 10 business apps that will help you boost productivity, improve efficiency, and take your speaking business to the next level. Ready to upgrade your game? Let's dive in!

In today's digital age, professional speakers have access to a plethora of apps designed to enhance their skills, streamline their workflow, and elevate their presentations. Here are ten leading apps that can significantly benefit speakers



Braintoss
Capture Ideas Instantly

Braintoss allows you to quickly record thoughts, ideas, or visual content and sends them directly to your email for later review. It's especially useful for speakers who need to jot down inspiration on-the-go.

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Mymind
Organize Creative Thoughts

Mymind serves as a digital storage space for your ideas, notes, and web clippings.

It helps speakers keep their research and inspiration organized, making content creation more streamlined.

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Presentation Timer
Master Your Timing

This app helps you keep track of your presentation time, ensuring you stay within allotted time frames. It's essential for maintaining pacing and ensuring your message is delivered effectively.

[More on Presentation Timer](#)



Readwise
Retain and Recall

Readwise resurfaces your highlighted passages from books and articles. For speakers, this means having a reservoir of quotes and insights ready for incorporation into presentations.

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Rocketbook Cloudcards
Digitize and Organise

Cloudcards allows you to digitize handwritten notes and organize using the Rocketbook ecosystem.. This is particularly beneficial for speakers who brainstorm using sticky notes or handwritten mind maps.

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Speeko
Enhance Speaking Skills

Speeko provides exercises and feedback to improve your public speaking abilities, focusing on aspects like pacing, tone, and storytelling techniques. It's ideal for speakers aiming to polish their delivery.

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Orai
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Orai offers instant, data-driven feedback on your speaking habits, including tone, pace, clarity, and filler words. It's like having a personal speech coach available anytime, helping you refine your delivery.

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Yoodli
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MindNode
Visual Mind Mapping

MindNode helps you brainstorm, organize, and structure your speech ideas with intuitive, visual mind maps. Perfect for planning keynotes, workshops, or content-heavy presentations with clarity and creativity.

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Bonus app:



Poised
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Poised AI offers real-time feedback during live engagements, analysing aspects like clarity, pacing, and energy levels. It's like having a speech coach guiding you during actual presentations.

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Speechling
Personalized Speech & Pronunciation Coach

Speechling helps improve your pronunciation, articulation, and speaking fluency with feedback from real coaches. Ideal for speakers addressing international audiences or refining their delivery across multiple languages.

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Integrating these apps into your workflow can significantly enhance your professional speaking skills, organisation, and presentation delivery.

Each offers unique features tailored to address common challenges faced by professional speakers.

Chris Wildeboer, founder and CEO of Balance Central, is a passionate speaker, facilitator, and mentor who helps clients worldwide create lasting transformation and balance through her workshops and programs.



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Connect with a Global Audience!

The Global Speakers Summit 2026 in Cairns, Australia, presents an exclusive sponsorship opportunity to showcase your brand, products, and services to a highly engaged audience of over 400 international delegates, speakers, and industry partners.

This influential group of professional speakers, thought leaders, and business owners are committed international travellers, decision-makers, and entrepreneurs who are always looking for innovative solutions, partnerships, and new opportunities.

As a sponsor, you'll have the unique chance to meet, mingle, and market directly to your target audience in a face-to-face setting.

Whether you offer cutting-edge technology, professional services, or business growth solutions, this is your opportunity to connect with top speakers and influencers who can amplify your brand to a global audience.

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Elevate Your Business, Your Life, and Your Future

RAEL BRICKER'S GSS JOURNEY



Every now and then, an experience comes along that completely transforms the way you think, work, and grow. For Rael Bricker CSP, that moment happened in Auckland, New Zealand, at his very first Global Speakers Summit (GSS).

Rael arrived in Auckland as a relatively new Professional Speakers Australia (PSA) Member, ready to learn, connect, and elevate his speaking business, but what he found was so much more. The energy, the insights, the global friendships, it was unlike anything he had ever experienced.

“GSS Auckland changed everything for me. The depth of learning, the calibre of speakers, the genuine friendships—it wasn’t just about improving my business; it was about elevating my entire perspective.”

He left that summit feeling recharged, inspired, and ready to take action. Before even stepping onto the plane home, he made a bold decision, to attend the next Global Speakers Summit, no matter where in the world it was going to be held. He was all in, committed to continuing his journey of growth, connection, and elevation. He eventually got the chance to register for the next Summit scheduled for Bali in September of 2024.



The Power of GSS: When Life Gets in the Way

But sometimes, life has other plans.

Just as Bali 2024 was approaching, a family emergency meant Rael had to make the heartbreaking decision to miss the event. He knew that opportunities like GSS don’t come around often, but family comes first.

“It was tough. I had planned, I was excited, but I couldn’t be there. As I watched my speaker friends sharing their insights, their experiences, and their elevated moments from Bali, I promised myself—next time, I would make it happen, no matter what.”

And now, GSS 2026 in Cairns is calling and Rael is pulling out all the stops to be there.



Clearing the Schedule, Making It Happen

For many of us, life gets busy. We tell ourselves we'll make time next time. However, Rael knows that waiting isn't an option. He has cleared his calendar, locked in his flights, and committed to being in Cairns, because he knows the power of GSS.

"The speakers, the connections, the strategies, it's not just an event; it's an accelerator for your business and your life. The people you meet, the insights you gain, the opportunities that come from attending—there's nothing like it."



A final note from Rael

"I'm ALL IN for GSS2026. Are you?"

This is your chance to experience the same transformation, the same elevation, and the same opportunities that changed my business.

Join me and hundreds of other speakers from around the world in Cairns

Register Now

Why YOU Need to be at GSS2026

Rael has one message for you:

Don't wait.
Don't make excuses.
Don't put it off for next time.

Attending GSS is about more than just learning.

It's about:

- **Elevating Your Business:**
Learn how the world's best speakers scale, grow, and dominate their markets.
- **Elevating Your Network:**
Connect with global leaders who can open doors you never knew existed.
- **Elevating Your Mindset:**
Step out of your comfort zone and into new possibilities, new ideas, and new success.
- **Elevating Your Life:**
This isn't just about speaking. It's about personal growth, friendships, and global impact.



Rael Bricker, CSP is a seasoned entrepreneur who turned a health scare into drive, leveraging global experience across finance, education, and two listed companies.

From 6,000ft underground to managing billions in loans, Rael has built and led businesses on two continents.

Combining hands-on expertise with an MBA and MSc, he partners with people and companies to achieve excellence.



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A woman with long blonde hair, wearing a white fedora-style hat and a yellow floral dress, is reaching out to touch a yellow cacao pod hanging from a tree. The tree has several other pods, some green and some yellow. The background is a lush green forest with sunlight filtering through the leaves.

Paradise Found

Where Adventure Meets Paradise!

Pack your sunnies, slap on some sunscreen, and get ready to dive headfirst into paradise—welcome to Cairns, the ultimate tropical playground in North Queensland! Whether you're craving thrill-seeking adventures, laid-back beach vibes, or a mouth-watering foodie scene, Cairns has everything you need and more.

Feel the Tropical Vibes

Step off the plane and boom!—that warm, balmy air welcomes you like an old friend. Cairns is as relaxed as it is vibrant, with a buzzing [Cairns Esplanade](#), lively [Rusty's Markets](#), and delicious eateries that serve up the freshest tropical flavors. Whether you're watching street performers, indulging in a waterfront meal, or just kicking back with a cocktail, Cairns has a way of making you feel like you're on holiday from the second you arrive.

Urban Fun, Tropical Style

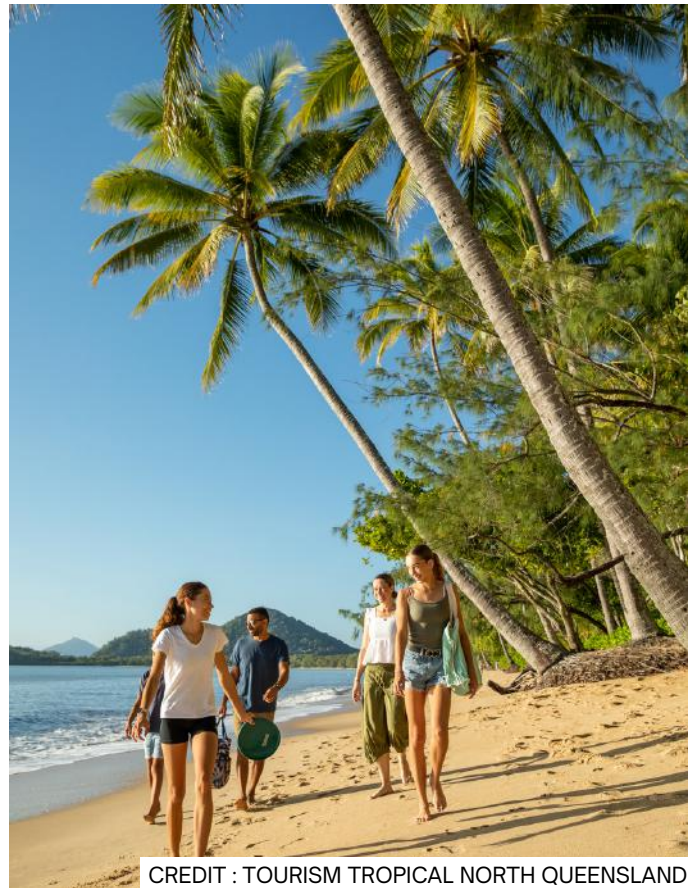
Who says paradise is all about the beach? Cairns' urban scene is just as exciting! Stroll through [Tanks Arts Centre](#) for a dose of culture, explore the vibrant [Cairns Night Markets](#), or sip on barista-approved coffee at [Blackbird Espresso](#). in panoramic views from the [Cairns Lookout](#), then discover heritage sites that tell the stories of the city's fascinating past. Cairns blends culture, charm, and just the right amount of city buzz—without losing that chilled-out tropical feel.

Dive into the Ultimate Aquatic Adventure

Let's be real—you can't come to Cairns and not explore the [Great Barrier Reef](#)! Jump on a [reef tour](#) and head out to one of the most breathtaking natural wonders on Earth. Snorkel or scuba dive alongside vibrant coral gardens, majestic sea turtles, and schools of dazzling fish. Not a fan of getting wet? The [Cairns Aquarium](#) offers an incredible dry-land view of the region's underwater magic—perfect for families or anyone who prefers to keep their feet on solid ground.

Nature Like You've Never Seen Before

Just beyond the city lies a jaw-dropping rainforest wonderland. The [Wet Tropics Rainforest](#)—one of the oldest on the planet—is just a short drive away. Hike through lush jungle trails, chase [waterfalls like Barron Falls](#), or take a scenic [Skyrail Rainforest Cableway](#) ride for breathtaking aerial views. Whether you're an adventure junkie or a nature lover, Cairns delivers wild, untamed beauty at its finest.



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Unwind, Recharge, Repeat

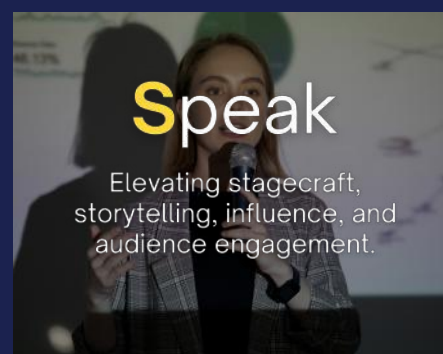
After a big day of exploring, it's time to kick back and relax. Grab a [sunset cocktail at Salt House](#), treat yourself to locally caught seafood at Ochre Restaurant ([book here](#)), or unwind in one of [Cairns' luxurious resorts](#). Whether you're in the mood for spa treatments, fine dining, or just lounging by the pool, Cairns knows how to bring the relaxation game to the next level.

Your Cairns Adventure Awaits!

Cairns isn't just a destination—it's an experience. From its stunning landscapes to its vibrant city life, this tropical paradise is ready to welcome you with open arms. So what are you waiting for? Book that ticket, pack that bag, and get ready for the adventure of a lifetime!

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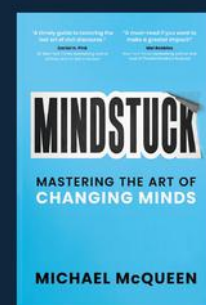
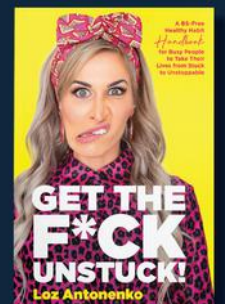
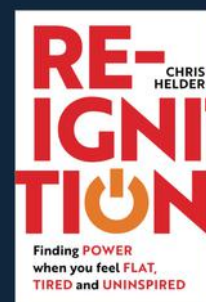
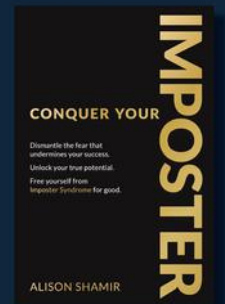
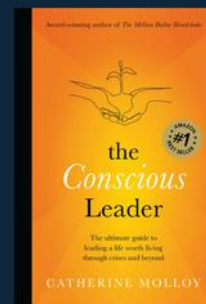
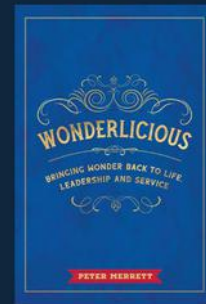
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The GSS Effect

Clarity, Connections, and a Future on Bigger Stages

NIENKE BLOEM, CSP

1. Can you share a pivotal moment from your GSS stage experience that reshaped your career or mission? How did it guide your path forward?

When I was preparing for the GSS, I had this aha moment. That I 100% knew who my ideal client was. When I was on the Bali stage, I outlined the flow of my speech and casually said, "Don't worry, fellow speakers, I'm not here to sell you anything - you're not my ideal client!"

The audience laughed, relaxed, and we all enjoyed the ride. My real audience? CX Managers in large corporates. This laser focus now drives my sales, marketing, and delivery every single day.

I think we all should be more aware of our ideal clients, instead of trying to sell anything to anybody.

2. What unexpected opportunities emerged from speaking at GSS, and how did you harness them?

A direct result? Getting asked to speak at APSS in Singapore in May 2025! And that's just the beginning.

With one client already locked in, we're now leveraging proximity in Asia to secure even more engagements.

The GSS platform didn't just give me a stage, it gave me a strategy. I'm making sure that every trip counts by mixing business with pleasure and maximizing my impact in the region.



“Doing what I love and getting paid for it!”

3. How did the GSS platform challenge or redefine your sense of purpose as a speaker?

GSS brought me full circle. In 2014, I left my corporate job with a vision, or call it a dream: standing on big international stages, inspiring audiences worldwide.

Being at GSS was like stepping into that exact dream, a surreal and proud moment. But beyond the stage, it reminded me of how far I've come: the ability to invest in this experience, the speaker friends I call my tribe, and the knowledge that I'm living my purpose.

Doing what I love and getting paid for it!

4. How did the GSS platform challenge or redefine your sense of purpose as a speaker?

Day 1? A complete whirlwind. Between prep, speaking, and the flood of conversations afterward, I was buzzing but exhausted. So much so, I had to cancel dinner and recharge by the pool (which wasn't the worst thing).

My advice? Plan for downtime. Reflect, connect on LinkedIn, and reset. GSS is an incredible experience - give yourself the space to fully enjoy it!

5. How has the GSS experience opened doors for new connections, partnerships, or global opportunities?

Right there at GSS, I got asked for APSS 2025 in Singapore. My profile skyrocketed, catching the attention of two major speaker bureaus, and soon after, I was booked for two large corporate events.

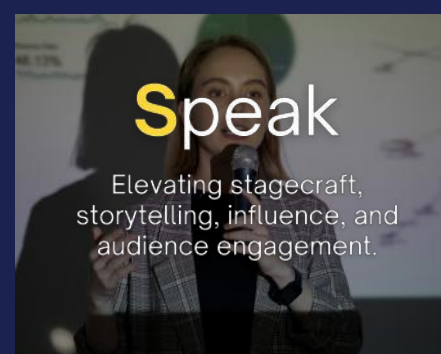
Also it got me closer to my speaker tribe, connecting with so many fabulous global speakers. The power of GSS isn't just about the stage, it's about the momentum it creates.

One LinkedIn post reinforced my authority as a global speaker, and the ripple effect has been incredible.



Nienke Bloem CSP CCXP, the globally recognized 'CX Speaker in the Blue Dress,' delivers bold, insightful keynotes that challenge the status quo, blending humor and real-world strategies to help businesses elevate customer experience and drive profitability.

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The Early Adopters Club

– NOW CLOSED & OVERSUBSCRIBED!

The Early Adopters Club for the Global Speakers Summit 2026 is now officially closed, having been oversubscribed by proactive professionals eager to commit early and secure exclusive benefits. These forward-thinking speakers recognized the incredible opportunity to elevate their Summit experience by gaining priority access, premium perks, and enhanced visibility at this global event.

As members of the Early Adopters Club, these delegates will enjoy a special pre-Summit education session, priority seating at the Opening Event, a featured listing on the GSS2026 website, and an exclusive welcome lunch and networking event. Additionally, each member will have the opportunity to showcase their brand with a 30-second video promo, further positioning themselves among the world's top speakers.

While the Early Adopters Club is now full, there are still plenty of opportunities to maximize your experience at the Summit—stay tuned for more ways to get involved and make the most of this unmissable event in Cairns!



A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a large, glowing, smoldering fireball made of dry grass or twigs. The fire is bright orange and yellow, with thick white smoke rising from it. The person's face is partially visible in the background, looking upwards. The background is a clear blue sky.

Ancient Wisdom, Timeless Stories

Discover the Heart of Indigenous Culture in Cairns

Cairns isn't just a gateway to breathtaking natural wonders—it's also a deeply spiritual place, home to some of the oldest living cultures in the world. The First Nations people of Tropical North Queensland have been custodians of this land for over 60,000 years, and their stories, traditions, and deep connection to nature are woven into every part of this vibrant region.

If you're looking for an authentic, immersive experience, Cairns offers incredible Indigenous tourism opportunities where you can learn, connect, and experience culture like never before. Get ready to walk in the footsteps of the world's oldest continuous culture!

Walk on Sacred Land: Explore the Top 5 Indigenous Tours & Experiences

1. Walkabout Cultural Adventures – Daintree Rainforest & Beyond

Step into one of the world's most ancient rainforests with a local Kuku Yalanji guide, who will introduce you to the spiritual and cultural significance of the land.

Learn how to identify bush tucker, hear Dreamtime stories, and even try traditional hunting techniques along the coastline.

More info: [Walkabout Cultural Adventures](#)



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2. Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park – A Journey Through Time

Experience the rich history of the Tjapukai people through live performances, storytelling, and hands-on activities.

From learning how to throw a boomerang to watching a traditional corroboree, this interactive experience is a must for anyone wanting to immerse themselves in Indigenous culture.

More info: [Tjapukai Cultural Experience](#)

3. Flames of the Forest – A Night of Storytelling & Indigenous Cuisine

Imagine dining under a canopy of ancient trees, surrounded by the sounds of the rainforest while listening to powerful Aboriginal storytelling.

Flames of the Forest is a luxury dining experience where Indigenous culture meets gourmet food, music, and firelight, creating an unforgettable atmosphere.

More info: [Flames of the Forest](#)



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4. Mossman Gorge: Dreamtime Walks & Waterfalls

Take a guided Dreamtime Walk through the lush Mossman Gorge, where a local Indigenous guide will share sacred knowledge about the land, its spirits, and its healing powers.

Finish your journey with a refreshing swim in the crystal-clear rock pools of the gorge.

More info: [Mossman Gorge Centre](#)

5. Aboriginal Art & Culture: Authentic Creations & Workshops

Cairns is home to some incredible Indigenous art galleries and workshops, where you can watch artists at work, learn about the meanings behind traditional symbols, and even create your own Aboriginal artwork!

Here are some must-visit galleries:

Janbal Gallery –

- Indigenous-owned art space with painting workshops

Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF) –

- An annual celebration of First Nations art, music, and culture



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Why Indigenous Tourism in Cairns is a Must-Do

Indigenous culture is not just history, it's alive, thriving, and ready to be shared. By experiencing authentic Aboriginal tours, art, and traditions, you're not just learning—you're helping preserve and celebrate one of the world's oldest cultures.

Whether you're walking through the rainforest with an Elder, tasting bush tucker, or watching an ancient dance ceremony, you'll leave Cairns with a deeper connection to the land and its people.

Ready to experience the true heart of far North Queensland?

It's all there waiting for you right after the Global Speakers Summit in March 2026.

From Five Minutes to Forever:

THE POWER OF A MOMENT AT GSS

TARYN-LEE KEARNEY, CSP



1. Can you describe a moment from GSS that sparked a bold new direction in your career or life?

At GSS, I had the thrill (and terror!) of delivering a five-minute power session—and let me tell you, it was an adrenaline rush like no other. Condensing a message into such a short time is a skill that stretches you in ways you never expect. I had to strip away the fluff, get straight to the heart of my message, and own every second on that stage.

But here's the real magic—it showed me that impact isn't measured by time, but by clarity and presence. That moment reshaped how I approach my keynotes, workshops, and even everyday conversations. It wasn't just about speaking—it was about making every moment count.



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2. Beyond the sessions, was there a conversation or connection that created an unexpected breakthrough for you?

Yes, and it came most unexpectedly. Just as I was settling into the rhythm of GSS, I was hit with a massive neck spasm—one that landed me in a hospital in Bali. And in that vulnerable moment, something incredible happened.

People—some I had just met—rallied around me with kindness, support, and pure human connection. They checked in, helped, and reminded me that even in a room full of high achievers, we're all human first. It was a powerful realization: we may be in the same industry, but we are more than just speakers—we are a family.

That experience reinforced my belief in the power of community—not just in professional spaces, but in life. It's easy to get caught up in chasing success, but at the end of the day, it's the people beside us who make the journey worth it.

3. What specific action did you take after GSS that had a lasting impact on your career or community?

GSS was also where I achieved something deeply personal, becoming the youngest African to receive my CSP (Certified Speaking Professional) designation.

But here's the truth: I almost didn't apply. Self-doubt crept in. "Am I ready? Do I deserve this?" But then, people like Lindsay, Wendy and Cobus Visser stepped in. They believed in me before I fully believed in myself. They nudged me, challenged me, and said, "Come on, you've got this."

Because of that push, I took the leap, applied, stepped forward, and made history.

That moment changed how I see support. We all need people who push us beyond our comfort zones. Since GSS, I've made it a mission to be that person for others. Because sometimes, all it takes is one voice saying, "You're capable of more than you think."

4. What surprising lessons emerged from informal moments—hallway chats, dinners, or spontaneous encounters?

One of my biggest lightbulb moments came from David Gomez's talk. He showed how props, movement, and a little fun can elevate a talk without losing professionalism.

And wow—that hit me hard. I had always thought there was a "right way" to be a professional speaker. Be polished. Be structured. Say the right things, in the right way. But David's approach shattered that belief. He showed me that authenticity isn't just important—it's everything.

That realization sparked something huge. I gave myself permission to show up fully as ME—bold, energetic, and completely in my element. It even inspired my business rebrand, aligning everything with my true style. Less 'what I should be' and more 'who I am.'



5. If you could share one piece of advice with future GSS attendees, what would it be to help them turn inspiration into lasting impact?

Don't just attend GSS—experience it. Show up with an open heart, be willing to stretch, and let yourself be challenged. Say yes to the opportunities that scare you. Speak if you can, share what you know, and soak up the wisdom around you.

But most of all—take action. Inspiration is powerful, but it fades if you don't do something with it. Before you leave GSS, commit to three real steps you'll take in the next 30 days. Maybe it's a collaboration, maybe it's applying for something big, maybe it's finally stepping into your next level. Whatever it is, do it.

Because the magic of GSS isn't just in what happens there—it's in what you do with it after you leave.

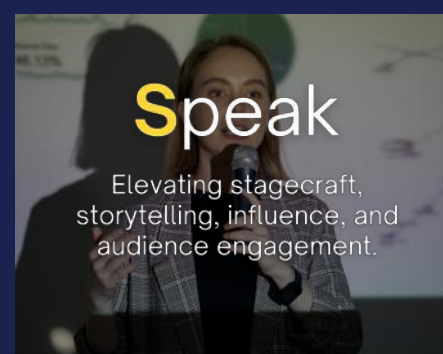
Boom-chakalaka! - Hugs Taryn-lee



“Whatever it is, do it.”

Taryn-Lee Kearney, Founder and Director of Aha Training & Development, is a dynamic global speaker, facilitator, and consultant, renowned for her high-energy ‘Boomchakalaka’ presentations that ignite transformation, resilience, and lasting impact in personal and professional growth.

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CAIRNS CONVENTION CENTRE

Destination Details:

SUMMIT VENUE & ACCOMODATION OPTIONS

The Cairns Convention Centre, the official venue for the Global Speakers Summit in March 2026, is a world-class facility renowned for its state-of-the-art amenities and recent multi-million-dollar refurbishment. As one of Australia's premier convention venues, it offers cutting-edge technology, versatile event spaces, and seamless accessibility, ensuring an exceptional experience for speakers and attendees alike.

Perfectly positioned in the heart of Cairns, the Centre is just a short walk from top hotels, the stunning Cairns Inlet, and the vibrant foreshore precinct, where visitors can enjoy waterfront dining, scenic boardwalks, and tropical breezes. With its modern design and unbeatable location, the Cairns Convention Centre sets the stage for an inspiring and unforgettable Summit.

Accommodation Options to suit all budgets...

Cairns offers a diverse range of accommodation to suit every budget and preference, making it the perfect destination for attendees of the Global Speakers Summit 2026. From luxurious 5-star resorts with stunning ocean views to comfortable 3-star hotels offering convenience and affordability, there's something for everyone.

Visitors can also explore self-contained apartments, ideal for extended stays, as well as Airbnb options ranging from stylish city studios to tropical retreats.

Budget-conscious travellers can take advantage of hostels and backpacker lodges, which provide affordable yet comfortable stays in the heart of the city. With most accommodations located within walking distance of the Cairns Convention Centre, as well as the lively Esplanade, dining precincts, and marina, you'll be perfectly placed to experience the best of Cairns while attending the Summit.

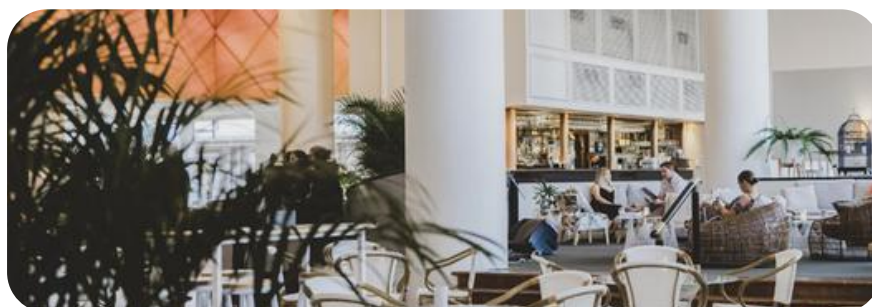
There are a range of accommodation options from value based through to five-star and everything in between. Below are some examples of the available accommodation in Cairns. Accommodation prices average around: US\$99 (3 Star) US\$115 (4 Star) US\$165 (5 Star).

5 Star ★★★★★



PULLMAN REEF HOTEL CASINO

Pullman Reef Hotel Casino features the Reef Casino and a range of impressive restaurants, bars and function spaces, plus a spacious pool area.



PULLMAN CAIRNS INTERNATIONAL

At Pullman Cairns International, delegates are welcomed with a spectacular grand lobby. The property features a day spa, restaurant and bar and spacious pool.



SHANGRI-LA THE MARINA CAIRNS

Located on the waterfront directly beside the Marina, the bright and expansive property features an onsite restaurant and bar and tiered pool.

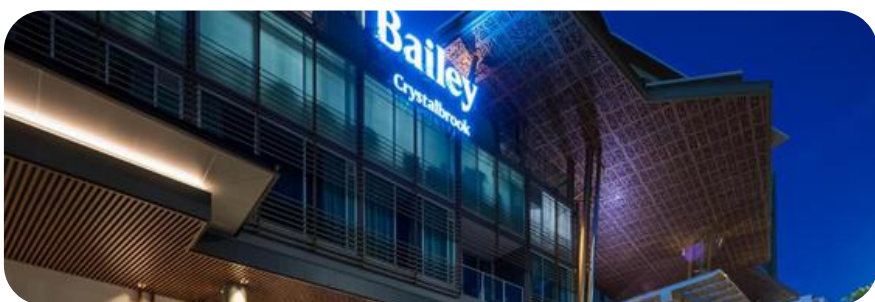
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**NOVOTEL CAIRNS OASIS RESORT**

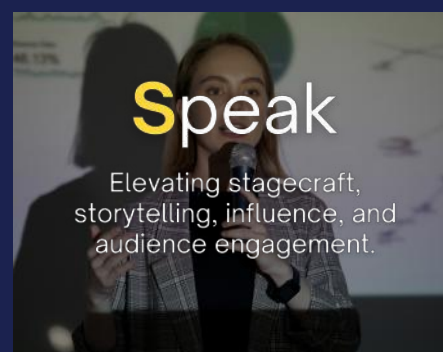
An ideal lifestyle resort for business travellers, within easy walking distance of the Cairns Esplanade, restaurants, bars and shops, the resort features a sandy beach lagoon pool.

**DOUBLETREE BY HILTON CAIRNS**

Newly refurbished, the hotel overlooks the Cairns Esplanade and features tropical gardens, a swimming pool, alfresco restaurant and bar.

**CRYSTALBROOK BAILEY**

The grand, golden property is comprised of two towers, featuring two onsite restaurants, outdoor swimming pool and a fitness centre.

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GILLIGAN'S HOTEL & RESORT CAIRNS

Featuring dorm and hotel accommodation, a resort swimming pool, 3 bars, indoor beerhall, nightclub, restaurant, gaming lounge and private function spaces. Gilligan's is an awesome experience for travellers visiting Cairns, with many reviewing it as their "Favourite Place To Stay!"



HOLIDAY INN CAIRNS HARBOURSIDE

Located on the Cairns Esplanade and surrounded by lush tropical gardens, the resort features a swimming pool and spa area, room service and free CBD.



YHA CAIRNS CENTRAL

Located right in the heart of town, close to the main shopping hub and train station, we are surrounded by great local cafes, restaurants, and pubs. Comfortable common areas and a swimming pool, make it the perfect spot to chill out and experience the best of the tropics.

Special Rates for Delegates

The GSS 2026 team have negotiated special accommodation rates for delegates with the Accor Group, an official partner of Professional Speakers Australia. We have secured accommodation blocks at the following hotels:

- PULLMAN REEF HOTEL CASINO
- PULLMAN CAIRNS INTERNATIONAL
- NOVOTEL CAIRNS OASIS RESORT

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With over 400 delegates from around the world, this is your chance to share your knowledge, showcase your expertise, and be part of an elite line-up of speakers at this world-class event.



We are looking for dynamic, engaging, and insightful speakers to present under one of our four key themes:

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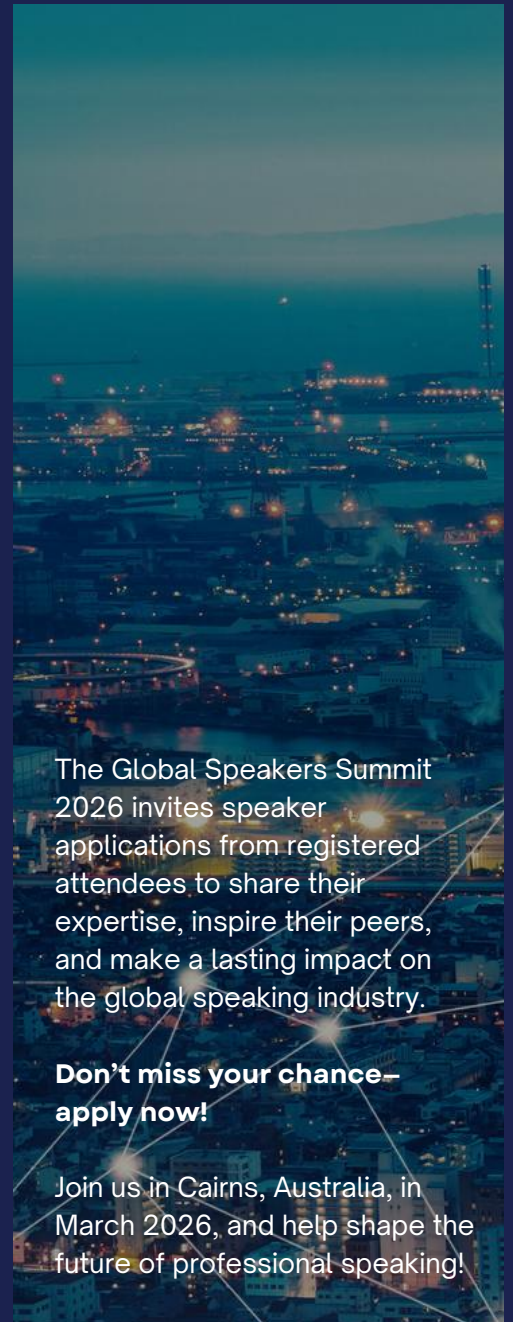
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