



## **Peter Baines – Intro**

Peter Baines OAM, a former forensics officer with the NSW Police developed his unique leadership style by leading international identification and recovery teams into Indonesia and Thailand following acts of terrorism and the 2004 South East Asian Tsunami. He would go on to work in the counter terrorism area of Interpol, spent time with the United Nations Office of Drug and Crime and also worked in Saudi Arabia and Japan after natural disasters to hit those countries. But it was his work in Thailand that brought the biggest change. After meeting the children left without parents by the Tsunami, Peter felt compelled to act and founded an Australian charity called Hands Across the Water and continues to lead the international operations of the charity.

In January 2014, Peter was recognised in the Australia Day honours with the awarding of the Order of Australia Medal for his International Humanitarian work and in 2016 was awarded the Thai equivalent by the King of Thailand.

During the forced break from international travel with the pandemic, Peter obtained his helicopter pilots licence and when he is not mustering cattle on his farm from the air you will likely find him running through the bush as he trains for his next 100km ultra trail run.

Please welcome Peter Baines.