

Steve Ellis



In 2001 Steve Ellis was the guy that didn't climb Mount Everest. But he was the person that held an expedition together and made sure when each team member walked out of his camp at 6500 meters, they left with the same chance (or better) of reaching the summit as any other person on the mountain. Steve was as the Base and Advanced Base Camp Manager for the successful Australian Army Alpine Association 2001 expedition to climb Mount Everest from Tibet.

From training for altitude in the flat tropics of Darwin, losing team members during the lead up training in Nepal, getting a team member to the summit and retuning to Nepal during the turmoil of the death of the royal family. Steve's talks are an inspiring, personal, humorous and at times, brutally honest look at the inner workings of a team at altitude, the challenges, frustrations and hardships they faced to achieve the goal of getting someone to the summit of the highest mountain in the world and back down safely

A local of the Territory for over 24 years Steve has worked as a tradesman on mine sites and oil rigs between working around the world for many years as a Professional wilderness guide. In his spare time he is involved with the reserve army as a senior survival instructor with Norforce and leads trips on the Kokoda track in PNG and other places around the globe

In 2003 he was awarded the Centenary Medal of Australia for his efforts on the Everest expedition.