

Senior My Gap Year



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Chris's career has covered both corporate management and founder of a small business technology start up. Innovation has always been at the forefront of his activities. His business services company, InfoTec Communications Pty Ltd, had been recognised for several Australian Government Small Business, Entrepreneurial and Innovation Awards. His client list included some of Australia's top ASX companies including the big four banks, plus Australia's largest airlines.

He has served as an adviser to Saudi Arabia's Telecommunications management. He was part of a management team for a multinational telecommunications company in North America.

He has been invited to present to students at a Chinese University in Kunming on commercialising technology. Chris was invited by the UK Trade & Investment British Consulate-General to participate in a UK Trade Mission.

Chris has served as a member of a Business Development Council advising the South Australian Minister for Small Business, including fostering Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

He has been an active participant in community projects. Part of the management team of a popular long running annual Sculptures event and an open water swim event, both raising funds for Surf lifesaving. Through Rotary International he has been a member of the management team for an annual major annual fund raising event in Perth.

Nearing the age when most start thinking about retiring, Chris took a different direction. With no desire to retire, he took a Gap Year. A Senior Gap Year. Intentionally, he set off to do the exact opposite to his professional past. No structure. No goals. To be free and just explore. Equipped with a new title, a Senior Gap Year Specialist, his next vision is to encourage more people of his age to do similar!

**Chris
Herrmann**



Presentation Topic

Join me as we relive the **My Senior Gap Year** journey. To share the fascinating world we live in. The liberating feeling of escaping from the normal routines of life.

From living in the heart of an ancient city in Spain to the liberating feeling of backpacking from one country to another. They said it was dangerous. But we go anyway. Through Central America, South America and up through South East Asia. All up, 23 countries, 122 places of abode.

Leaving behind the normal routines of life. With just one around the world ticket with only three stop offs. Four months apart. Filling in the rest as we go. Just taking each day as they come.

Enjoying the sense of being free to just go as we please. To discover and learn about new and exciting places. Interesting people. Fascinating cultures. Facing issues that confront and challenge us. But more so, sharing the many humorous instances that happen along the way.

And how an opportunity discovered in the middle of a desert kick starts a project that benefits charities now worth around half million dollars. And that's just the start of the journey.

But there's one question we find that lingers.

We come across our young generation out there in their thousands. Confident. Inspiring. Criss-crossing the globe. Connecting with people from all different cultures.

But we ask, where is our generation? Why are we letting our young generation have all the fun? What's stopping us?

Our journey is not just about travel. It's first about facing our fears. The one that keep feeding us with safe reasons not to step out of our comfort zone. Reasons that want to keep us feeling safe and secure. What, for 12 months? Going on your own? Nah, you're too old. What if you got ill, had a heart attack. No one would have a clue where you are. And on they go.

But we face those fears. And we challenge ourselves along the way. If it feels uncomfortable, we do it. Not to take risks. But to discover, had we not, we would have missed out on an amazing and exciting world that has been waiting for us to join it.

I would look forward to sharing the story with you.

But more so, to hopefully inspire you to enjoy a world that is waiting to be experienced.

ENDORSEMENTS

PUBLIC SPEAKING

"... a highly recommended public speaker who will inspire and entertain... His delightful presentation, full of thought provoking and humorous observations and comments is an inspiring and highly recommended experience...." - Rick Sneeuwjagt President Rotary Club of Mill Point

"...Thanks sincerely for your presentation... I found the presentation very uplifting and I'm also a firm believer in taking opportunities as they arise, especially if it takes you out of your comfort zone. Your energetic delivery style is ideally suited as Rotary guest speaker, and we all found your "donations in kind" project fascinating. Thanks again Chris, and I hope we see more of you..." - Rob Webster, President Rotary Club of Willetton

"...Thank you for presenting to us, it was an interesting presentation and I know the club enjoyed hearing from you. It was certainly an interesting and inspiring presentation, and I believe it has tickled the travel bug in some of our members..." - Matt Bruyninckx, President Booragoon Rotary Club

"...A thoroughly entertaining presentation and I wouldn't hesitate to recommend you to other clubs and organisations..." - Alan Ramsay, Program Convenor, Rotary Club of Como

"...Just to let you know how much I enjoyed your presentation... Everyone enjoyed your presentation, your foresight in rescuing all that bedding was amazing. You put your thoughts into action which was greatly admired..." - Linda Morrell. Rotary Club of Cooroy

"...Thanks for your wonderful presentation last night. Very inspirational..." Gordon Downing, Rotary Club of Nambour.

"...Your entertaining and thought-provoking presentation at our U3A Sunshine Coast Lecture was much appreciated by the audience..." - Lyn Lovell, U3A Sunshine Coast Lecture Program Coordinator

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Chris Herrmann, Keynote Speaker, Rotary International District 9800 Conference, Warrnambool, Victoria. Australia. What people had to say...



Peter Frueh, District Governor,
Rotary International District
9800, Victoria, Australia



Charles Bender, delegate at
Rotary International District 9800
Conference.



Grant Hocking, delegate at Rotary
International District 9800
Conference.

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MEDIA



Weekend Today Show, 13/01/2018
Channel 9. Australian National Television.



Over60Sixty Newspaper, 31/01/2018



ABC Radio, Darwin, 06/02/2018
Mornings with Adam Steer



Sunshine Coast Daily, 06/02/2018



Seniors Newspaper, 09/02/2018



WIN News Sunshine Coast, 09/02/2018



Your Weekend. Sunshine Coast Daily, 03/03/2018



My Senior Gap Year interview on Radio 6PR including Federal Government Minister Ken Wyatt challenging the concept of retirement - 20/03/2018



My Senior Gap Year on Spirit Radio 1260 Karratha, Western Australia - 09/04/2018



Pilbara News, 25/04/2018



9 News Adelaide, 01/06/2018

For a complete list of media interviews please click here:
<http://myseniorgapyear.com/media/>

PROMOTION OPTIONS

Who Says Gap Year's Are For The Young?

Find out what The Senior Gap Year Specialist! has to say about that!

You've heard of a gap year, right? Our young generation crisscrossing the globe in their thousands.

"Why should they have all the fun?" That's what our forthcoming guest speaker, Chris Herrmann questioned before he took off on his senior gap year.

Join us when he'll share his adventurous and often humorous accounts of his backpacking experiences.

Learn what prompted this corporate, business type person to take off backpacking around the world for a year.

Find out if gap years should remain for the young. Or are we really missing out?

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But who was it that was continually trying to stop him, attempting to hold him back from going. What eventually set him free?

Join us when he'll share his adventurous and often humorous accounts backpacking around the world. Travelling through 23 countries, staying in 122 places of abode.

From not knowing a word of Spanish to his humorous attempts to communicate with the people he encountered. Navigating his own way around from one country to another. Experiencing every form of transport from a horse and cart to a five star coach. From sleeping on the floor of a Buddhist temple to a mat in the middle of a jungle. Finding himself left literally penniless in the middle of nowhere in a foreign country.

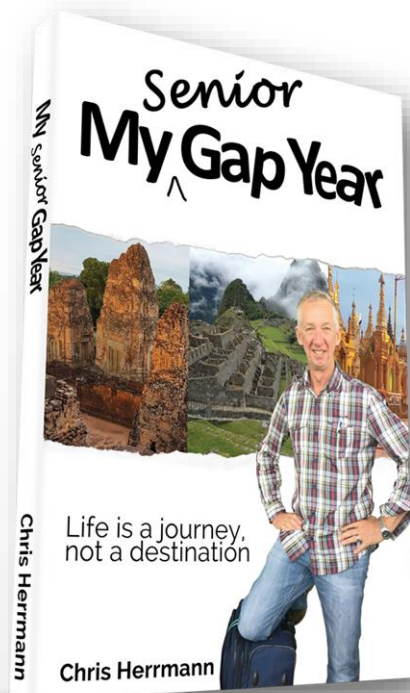
And how his experiences with the people he met, like drugs, waste, terrorism have changed his views.

He left with no purpose, other than to step out the door, travel and explore. But then how he turned an opportunity he discovered in the middle of the desert to benefiting charities worth around quarter million dollars. And that was just at the beginning of his journey.

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