

# VELIA NICHOLLS

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***If you think the name is different .... meet the woman!***

Velia is one of the most entertaining speakers and MCs you will ever meet. She is real! She makes an immediate and lasting impression. Velia is an excellent communicator. She uses her experience and down-to-earth style in presentations to challenge leaders to improve their communication and people management practices. Velia provides practical and proven solutions that make a difference. She expertly combines laughter and learning to gain audience participation and connect with people of all ages. Audiences respond to her honesty and openness. They love her stories because they can relate.

Velia founded her business, Courage to Speak in 1999, Velia has over 25 years' experience working in the top end of organisations with CEOs and business leaders. She encourages them to be courageous and challenge their ways of working to improve their performance.

Velia was specifically selected as one of an elite group of highly skilled facilitators to drive the innovative Change Management Program for QANTAS in 2016. CEO, Alan Joyce attributes the successful turnaround of QANTAS to this program.

Velia was also a Queensland State Finalist in the Telstra Business Women's Awards.

***Velia Nicholls - delivering much more than the spoken word.***