



## The Brave Foundation Presents... **THE GIFT OF YOUR STORY**

- ✓ **My story, Our hands, Her smile**
- ✓ **The journey might change but your destination can stay the same**
- ✓ **Your life plan as a woman, in three promises**

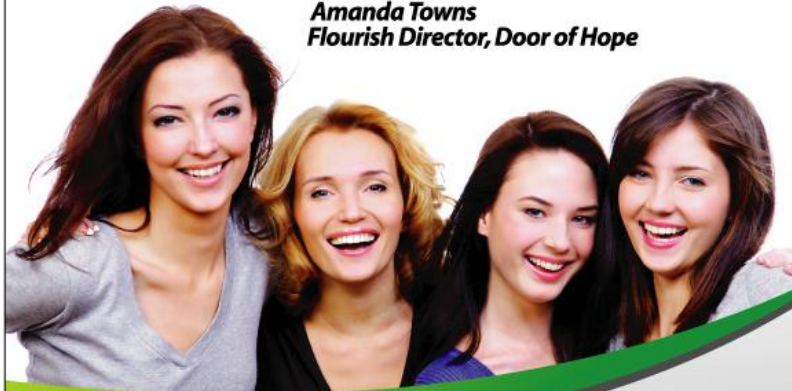
*"Having Bernadette join us for our annual women's event, 'Flourish' at Door of Hope in Tasmania, was an absolute delight.*

*Bernie is simply stunning: genuine, open, friendly, accepting & upbeat. She has a unique way of speaking into the lives of women and it was a joy to experience. Her story is powerful. She recalls it with honesty and fortitude.*

*Bernie immediately engages. She hits straight toward the heart and leaves the audience wanting more. Not only did Bernie bring all of these qualities and more to our audience, she genuinely made a way into each of our hearts.*

*Bernie became a treasured friend. Not only was she interested in being our guest speaker, Bernie was deeply committed to working alongside us to bring about the most excellent outcome for our event. She listened intently to our dreams, our hopes and our plans and worked diligently to ensure that she added value to each of these. She truly came to serve us with all she had, and we are extremely thankful."*

**Amanda Towns**  
**Flourish Director, Door of Hope**



## BIOGRAPHY

**Bernadette Black, Member of National Speakers Association of Australia.**

*Bernadette is no stranger to adversity. From the death of her father at a young age, to the potentially life-altering effects of a teenage pregnancy, she has never lost hope or direction for a great tomorrow.*

*In consistency with Bernadette's life story of transitioning from one circumstance to another, comes her message of equipping others with the realisation that nothing is impossible, regardless the size of the opposing giant!*

*Today, a happily married mother of three (and Registered Nurse), Bernadette has been speaking professionally since 2006 to thousands of people nationwide, about her story of courage and design for a great future. Bernie's transparency shines through as she visually unwraps her own life journey of 'being positioned for transition' to varied groups. She delights in adapting her enthusiastic message to meet individual client needs, from teenagers to the senior in our communities, and every age group in between.*

*In 2009, amongst some 3000 nominations Bernie was awarded the '2009 Barnardos Australian Mother of the Year', in which her teenage son nominated her. Alongside this title, Bernadette has received further accolades since her emerging role in the public eye:*

- 2006 Author of published book "Brave Little Bear: the inspirational story of a teenage mother"
- 2008 Finalist Australian of the Year
- 2009 Barnardos Tasmanian Mother of the Year
- 2009 Barnardos Australian Mother of the Year
- 2009 Founding Director of Brave Foundation, a Not for Profit Registered Charity. Brave Foundations mission is to provide educational opportunities and scholarships for young women facing unplanned pregnancy.
- 2010 Featured in , 'Who's who of Australian Women,' which compiles Australia's most influential women.
- 2010 Ranked first in the nation wide web poll, 'Australia's most Confident Woman.'



*Although these accolades hold a special importance to Bernie, is it her strong commitment to helping others walk out a life by design that she is most passionate about in her role as professional speaker. Bernie has featured in all forms of print, radio and television media nationwide and specialises in speaking at women's conferences, educational and health conferences, community conferences and secondary schools. In addition to her key-note speaking, Bernie offers full day workshops or 'reflection days' exploring her messages further.*

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