



SPEAKER KIT

Ros Banksia-Smith

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THE SPEAKER

A career in design. A life that changed the question.

SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Ros Banksia-Smith is an international keynote speaker, author and design leader. She built her career in interior design and creative direction across hospitality, residential and commercial work. A cancer diagnosis in 2019 turned the same design instinct inward, and became the book **COURAGE**. Based in Bali, she now speaks internationally on identity, courage and creative capability.

LONG BIOGRAPHY

For decades Ros's brief was space: hotels, retreats, homes, and the quiet choreography of how a room makes a person feel. The work taught her that places do not only hold our lives, they participate in them.

In 2019 she was diagnosed with cancer. The writing she began to keep herself company became **COURAGE**, published in 2021. What followed was slower and more interesting than recovery language allows, and returned her to one question: if environments shape people, what shapes the person doing the shaping?

She works today through Banksia Collective and speaks to leadership, design, hospitality and women's audiences internationally.

CREDENTIALS

Fellow, Design Institute of Australia

Author, **COURAGE** (2021)

Founder & Creative Partner, Banksia Collective

Former Global Brand Ambassador, REVĪVŌ Wellness Resorts

Senior Member, Asia Designer Communication Platform



Ros in conversation and in community.



Ideas built to stay with the room.

01

The Architecture of Becoming

Who are you creating from?

Every decision a person makes is made from somewhere: a belief, a history, a room, a relationship, a version of themselves they have not questioned in years. This keynote makes that invisible structure visible, then asks what it would take to build differently.

WELL SUITED TO

Leadership · Culture · Human potential · Executive programs · Women's leadership · Education · Wellbeing · Change

02

Courage

When life changes the brief

In 2019 Ros was diagnosed with cancer. This is not a recovery story or a lesson in positive thinking. It is an honest account of fear, uncertainty, identity and the small daily decisions that remain available when the larger ones are not.

WELL SUITED TO

Leadership · Resilience · Healthcare · Corporate wellbeing · Women's events · Philanthropy · Purpose-led organisations

03

Creativity Is Human

Seeing differently is a capability, not a department

Creativity is usually filed under artists and designers. After decades in design, hospitality and creative leadership, Ros treats it as a human capacity: the ability to see differently, imagine an alternative and build what does not yet exist.

WELL SUITED TO

Innovation · Creative leadership · Design · Hospitality · Entrepreneurship · Future of work · Organisational change

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FORMATS

Keynotes

Fireside conversations

Panels and moderated conversations

Leadership sessions

Workshops

Private retreats

Media and podcasts

AUDIENCES

Corporate leadership

Design & architecture

Hospitality

Wellness

Women's leadership

Entrepreneurship

Education

Purpose-led organisations



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