

**Come and hear the story
of Polio Survivor
Amazing Achiever
Suzi Duncan**

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SUZI DUNCAN HAS A COMPELLING MESSAGE

Suzi Duncan contracted Polio as an infant and initially paralysed from the neck down. Early on, she became obsessed with physical fitness, particularly swimming. Her first legs were the four legs of her horse, that gave her enormous freedom and speed. On a horse, she felt she had four good legs

Suzi trained as a Dietitian, but could not cope with hospital work, so went to India to work, spending time in a Leper Colony. While working in India/Nepal looking for a further challenge she decided to 'take a walk' up Mount Everest. In 1986 – 87 Suzi went to Sudan and worked in a refugee camp for Community Aide Abroad.

After major hip surgery failed and she was told once again that she would never walk again, Suzi decided to learn to fly. Flying gave her the courage and determination to walk again and a freedom that in the past she had only dreamed about.

This started a personal goal. to be able to give back to others with physical disabilities, the freedom that flight gave to her and she began 'Wheelies with Wings'.

In 1995 she designed a hand control that would allow people with lower limb disabilities to fly a flying school aircraft. She was honoured with the Nancy Bird Award, "For the most noteworthy contribution to aviation by a woman of Australasia." and was awarded a Churchill Fellowship 1998. Suzi was also invited to speak at the Society of Experimental Test Pilots in the US.

These days Suzi is a community volunteer worker teaching people who are disadvantaged in some way, with disabilities and new arrivals (migrants and refugees) art. In particular she facilitating these people to work with community art projects.

Post Polio Victoria (PPV) President Jill Pickering along with Bernard Peasley will also be speaking about the little known phenomenon of the resurgence of polio in adulthood.

