



Matina Jewell - Introduction

Major Matina Jewell grew up in the hinterland of Byron Bay and joined the Army at age 17.

During her 15-year military she:

- Earned eight war medals,
- Completed the physically demanding Navy divers course,
- Served with American Navy Seals,
- Tracked militia leaders in the Solomons,
- Boarded smuggler ships in the Arabian Gulf and,
- Was posted as a peacekeeper with the United Nations in Syria and Lebanon.

Medically retired, Matina served on the Prime Ministerial Advisory Council and continues to champion change for injured war veterans.

Among many honorary roles, Matina is a founding Ambassador for 'Project Thankful', a movement partnered with the United Nations to help empower women and children globally.

Matina has been featured on the ABC's Australian Story, is a best-selling author and her life story is currently being made into a feature film.

To share her insights on leadership and resilience from some of the toughest environments on earth, please welcome Matina Jewell.