



"When you see a young person who's stuttering and withdrawn and they move on and do things they thought they couldn't do, that's rewarding."

Peter says his commitment is unwavering because he's so grateful for the difference *Speak Easy* has made to his life.

"I used to write my requests down to avoid stuttering and would hand over a piece of paper even when I wanted a hamburger," he says.

"I went from being basically mute, to being able to say what I want and achieving my goals.

"Even if I continued to give back to *Speak Easy* for the next 45 years, I still wouldn't be able to repay the debt, that's how much I've got out of it."

Impact

As Peter reminisces about how his father, who also stuttered but never had therapy, was brave enough to overcome his fears in order to give back to the local community, I get the hunch this man has little idea how much impact he's having on our slice of paradise – and in more ways than one.

As the manager of Donate West, the government department responsible for organ and tissue donation in WA, Peter's also put his fear of public speaking behind him to help take the plea for donors to school students.

And if all this wasn't enough to make you gasp, he's even joined Toastmasters to learn how to take his now very public voice to even more eager ears. ■

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