

NATHAN FA'AVAE

Nathan Fa'avae is not just a speaker but a distinguished individual whose remarkable achievements have left an indelible mark in Adventure Racing, Outdoor Education, and the Pacific Island Community. In 2022, he was honoured with the prestigious Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for his outstanding contributions to these fields.

As the captain of the New Zealand Adventure Racing team, Nathan's leadership has propelled the team to unparalleled seven-world championship victories, maintaining an unbeaten record over the past decade. His prowess in Adventure Racing is matched by his acclaim as an Outdoor Educator, serving as an esteemed Outward Bound Instructor and Patron of Whenua Iti Outdoors.

Beyond the realm of sports and education, Nathan is deeply committed to fostering health and education among Pacifica Youth through the Fa'avae Foundation, a testament to the legacy left by his late parents. His dedication to community well-being extends to his entrepreneurial ventures, where he has made significant strides.

In 1997, Nathan founded a sea kayaking company in the Abel Tasman National Park, earning the prestigious New Zealand Business Award. In 2006, he established Ten Events Limited, the leading adventure sporting events and production company in New Zealand. Adding to his entrepreneurial repertoire, Nathan is the founder of Real Meals, a freeze-dried food company recognised for its exceptional products and branding.

Nathan Fa'avae resides in Tasman Bay with his wife and three active teenage children, all of whom share his passion for the outdoors. Adventure is not just a part of his life; it is at the very core, driving him to excel in every endeavour he undertakes.

Looking ahead, his sporting goal for 2024 is the Yukon 1000, the world's toughest paddling race, a testament to his relentless pursuit of challenges and excellence.

