Brad Lewis’s determination to win an Olympic medal had taken over his life by 1984. He would be too old for the 1988 games and the 1980 Olympics had been lost to world politics. Devastated after losing a critical race by nine-tenths of a second, Lewis went to the Olympic selection camp in hopes of earning his way into a national boat. He was not chosen. But Lewis was not to be denied, and his story is more than a quest for the gold medal. It is about challenging convention, overcoming adversity, and working outside the system.

Brad’s presentation is about overcoming obstacles, persevering in the face of unbelievable odds and understanding the process is as valuable and prized as the final result. It is a story about building a foundation and not taking any shortcuts.