

Football Federation Australia Hall of Fame

General Information



Every sport has its legends - and that's what the Football Hall of Fame is all about.

It celebrates the legends of the sport on the field, and recognises outstanding contributions to football off the field.

The Hall of Fame was established in 1999 to pay tribute to Australia's football greats and to recognise exceptional achievements of players, coaches, referees, administrators and media representatives.

From 1999 - 2008 all inductees who received a Medal of Excellence or Award of Distinction in the player category and non-players inducted into the Roll of Honour (Distinguished) and Roll of Honour (Meritorious) are still recognised and visible in our virtual Football Hall of Fame gallery.

From 2009 a new structure was endorsed by FFA, in close consultation with key members of the football community. All players will have the opportunity to be inducted into the Hall of Champions and all non-players into the Hall of Honour.

Nominations

Any person who has made an outstanding contribution to football in Australia shall be eligible to be nominated for the Australian Football Hall of Fame.

Hall of Champions recognises outstanding performance *on the playing field* in an Australian representative capacity.

Hall of Honour recognises outstanding and sustained contribution as an official or in another *non-playing* capacity.

Eligibility criteria

- Players have to be retired
- Coaches, referees, officials, administrators or media representatives may be recognised for their overall sustained contribution to the game. Recipients of an Australian Football Award may also be considered.
- Nominees must be Australian citizens.
- All nominations must be for individuals.
- Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated in subsequent years.



CRAIG MOORE

Main position: Defender

Contributions and Achievements

Craig Moore holds a unique place in Australian football having represented his country at every under age level – under 17, under 19 and under 23 (Atlanta Olympic Games) – and two FIFA World Cup finals (Germany '06 and South Africa '10).

Moore was a defender who graduated from the Australian Institute of Sport program and rose to early prominence with the Qantas Young Socceroos at the 1993 FIFA Youth World Cup, staged in Australia. This prompted interest from European clubs and Moore was signed by Glasgow Rangers. He played over 420 professional club matches.

In Europe he played for Glasgow Rangers, Crystal Palace, Borussia Mönchengladbach and Newcastle United, while in Australia he played for Queensland Roar (later renamed Brisbane Roar) in the Hyundai A-League as their captain and marquee player for three seasons.

Representative Honours

In international football, Moore has made 52 appearances for the Qantas Socceroos in some of the most important matches in the game's history.

These included the drought-breaking victory over Uruguay in 2005 and the crucial 2-2 with Croatia that clinched a spot for Australia in the second phase of the 2006 FIFA World Cup. Moore scored from the penalty spot in that game. Of course, that adventure ended with the heart-breaking round of 16 loss to eventual world champions Italy.

Impact on Football

Moore's inspirational leadership qualities made him an obvious choice as captain for many teams in which he played, including Rangers and the Socceroos.

His courage and resilience were evident when he was diagnosed with testicular cancer in 2008, but after treatment was given the all-clear and resumed his playing career, including a recall to the Socceroos for the 2010 World Cup campaign and finals.

Moore won 12 domestic trophies with Glasgow Rangers, including five Scottish Premier League titles and was twice named Queensland Roar's player of the year.

Now retired from playing, Moore is a media commentator and is contributing to junior football development on the Gold Coast.

Summary of Contribution

By any measure of career longevity, representative honours, importance of matches played and general excellence of individual performance, Craig Moore ranks as one of the greatest Socceroo players of all-time and is worthy of induction in the Hall of Champions.

NOTE: *Craig Moore will have been retired 18 months at nomination time. The normal qualifying period is three years following retirement, but the panel has the power to grant an exemption.*



DIANNE ALAGICH

Main position: Defender

National team career to date: 85 A international appearances, 29-Jul-1995 to 17-Jun-2008

Contributions, Achievements and Representative Honours

- Alagich played a pivotal role in the Matilda's inaugural World Cup wins. The team made history in September when they became the first senior Australian soccer squad to reach a World Cup quarter-final berth. The Matildas defeated Ghana (4-1) and drew with Norway (1-1) and Canada (2-2) in the World Cup to finish at the top of their group. Alagich fought off some of the world's most challenging strikers including Canada's Christine Sinclair.
- Made her international debut in the opening match of the 1995 US Women's Cup against newly-crowned World Cup champions Norway, aged just 16.
- Made her comeback after knee reconstruction surgery to the Matildas in mid-1999 in a Pre-World Cup tour, before taking part in the 1999 World Cup in USA.
- Started in every single one of Australia's World Cup and Olympic Games matches from 1999 to 2007 - comprising the 1999 World Cup (USA - three matches), 2000 Olympic Games (Sydney - three matches), 2003 World Cup (USA - three matches), 2004 Olympic Games (Athens - four matches) and 2007 World Cup (China - four matches).
- Captain of the Australian Under-16 Team on the 1995 undefeated Tour of New Zealand.
- Member of the Australian Under-19 Team which won the 1995 Dallas Cup in the USA.
- Awarded AIS Scholarship (football) from 1999.
- Suffered a knee injury just 12 minutes into her first starting appearance in an A international (v South Korea, March 1996), which required reconstruction surgery and ruled her out of football for two years. Again requiring surgery in 2001.
- Clubs played at include Port Adelaide (SA), West Adelaide (SA), Adelaide Sensation/SASI (Australia) and San Jose CyberRays (USA).
- Champion kayaker - South Australian Sports Institute scholarship-holder and selected for Australian national junior teams.
- Finalist in The Advertiser Newspapers 2007 Sports Star of the Year.

Impact on Football

Well-regarded and admired Australian defender Di Alagich is a diamond in the world of women's soccer. The sister of renowned Adelaide United player Richie, Di has carried the Alagich name with pride and further cemented their reputation as a leading South Australian soccer family. She has an outstanding record as a consistent national player, participating in every match for Australia at the 1999 and 2003 World Cup and 2000 and 2004 Olympic Games. She started her career with Port Adelaide, Modbury and West Adelaide soccer clubs, plus spent some time with the Australian Institute of Sport.



MIKE COCKERILL

Contributions and Achievements

Mike Cockerill has served as the chief football correspondent for the 'Sydney Morning Herald' for 26 years and has arguably become the leading football affairs writer in Australia.

Mike's passion for writing about football began as a 10 year old playing for Lane Cove, at which time he would write match reports and keep a meticulous record in a scrapbook.

His career in journalism began at the 'Rockhampton Morning Bulletin' in 1978 and he quickly found his way to the sports department, reporting on a wide range of teams and events. Stints with the 'Christchurch Star' and 'Manly Daily' were his pathway to a full-time job writing football for the 'Sydney Morning Herald'.

Over the past 26 years, Mike has reported on hundreds of matches involving the Qantas Socceroos and Australia's national competitions, including six FIFA World Cup finals and three Olympic Games.

His work also includes duties as a TV commentator and analyst for SBS, Optus Vision and now Fox Sports.

Impact on Football

Mike's sustained and meritorious contribution includes developing the profile of Australian football by covering the growing number of players who moved to Europe in the 1980s.

Tracking the careers of pioneers such as Eddie Krncevic, David Mitchell and Frank Farina as they made progress in Europe gave the Australian football public the belief that the nation could produce top-class home-grown talent, whereas for many decades our national team and national competitions relied on imported, naturalized players from Europe.

Mike was a leading campaigner for FIFA to change its regulations to allow a little-known Tim Cahill to represent Australia after being tied to Samoa on the basis of a fleeting appearance in an Oceania junior tournament. The sustained coverage kept Cahill's story in the public domain and was regarded as a significant factor in FIFA's ultimate decision.

Summary of Contribution

Throughout his career, Mike has been a strong advocate of the game, whether he was cajoling editors to provide more space for football or analysing the political and administrative affairs of the game.

His stature and credibility as a football writer, his longevity with one of Australia's most respected newspapers and his continued passion and insights have made him leading figure in the game.



TED SIMMONS

Contributions and Achievements

Ted Simmons has made a sustained and meritorious contribution to Australian football over a 60 year period.

As a football journalist since 1950, Ted was a travelling correspondent who followed Australian national teams over 20-year period and also filled the role of Media Officer for national teams.

His work for Australian Associated Press (AAP) gave his reporting wide coverage in Australian newspapers in an era when very few employed specialist football writers of their own.

Ted covered the Qantas Socceroos' FIFA World Cup campaigns for Mexico 86, Italia 90 and USA 94, as well as several FIFA World Cup finals for junior men's national teams.

He was a regular reporter on the weekly news of Australian football, including the National Soccer League from inception in 1977.

Ted was a staunch advocate of the game in his professional life and continued his passion once his full-time career began to wind down.

As a footballer, Ted played Churches football until early 1960s when he became president of NSW and then Australian Churches Football Association.

He was later elected as President Eastern Suburbs SFA and then president Eastern Suburbs Referees Association. He was bestowed with life membership of all three associations and in 2011 Eastern Suburbs SFA introduced the Ted Simmons Medal for Footballer of the Year.

Impact on Football

In 1999, he played a significant role in the foundation of the Australian Football Hall of Fame and was variously the president, administrator, unofficial historian and judging panel member of the Hall of Fame until 2006. Since then he has been an adviser to the Hall of Fame judging panel, providing research on nominees.

Ted remains an executive member International Federation of Football History and Statistics. In this capacity, ted was instrumental in creating the Oceania Footballer of the Year Award.

In 2006 he was awarded the OAM for his services to football and has been made a Life Member of Australian Football Media Association.

Summary of Contribution

Ted Simmons has made a significant contribution to football on a national scale as a professional journalist, but his nomination is made more meritorious by his voluntary and honorary contribution to Football's Hall of Fame.

In the period 2000-03 when football's national body was effectively insolvent, Ted by his own efforts and through his own funds continued the Hall of Fame nomination process and induction ceremonies to ensure the concept he helped inaugurate in 1999 would not cease.