

Craig Foster – Biography

Craig Foster is one of Australia's most renowned and respected footballing identities. He achieved on-field success in both England and Australia before transitioning into the media as an expert commentator and analyst. Foster is graduating from a Bachelor of Laws in 2019, has a Master's Degree in International Sports Management and an AFC Pro-Licence in coaching.

As a player, Craig Foster started his football career with National Soccer League clubs Adelaide City and Marconi and also played for English sides, Portsmouth and Crystal Palace. Throughout his career, which spanned between 1988 and 2003, Foster represented the Socceroos on 29 occasions, once as the Australian national side's captain. He continued his leadership streak by skippering both Crystal Palace in the UK and National Soccer League side, Northern Spirit FC.

Following his retirement from professional football, former Socceroos midfielder became a regular panellist on SBS' weekly football program of the time, *On The Ball*. When Foster joined SBS full time, alongside his soon to become lifelong friends and mentors Les Murray and Johnny Warren, he became synonymous with football media coverage in Australia, at the helm of SBS' hugely popular and successful original football broadcasts.

Today, Foster remains a valuable member of SBS' weekly football forum *The World Game*. He also formed part of the network's expert on-air team for the live and exclusive action of the 2006, 2010 and 2018 FIFA World Cups.

Craig has been a strong advocate for the role of players in the growth of football, having served on the PFA Executive, and formerly as a director of the PFA's commercial wing, PFAM (PFA Management) which developed the model for the Australian Premier League. Craig served as a member of the PFA Advisory Board and was the PFA's Chief Executive in 2005 and interim Chair in 2016.

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