celebrity speakers Presents...

Craig Foster AM

Former Socceroo, Broadcaster, Adjunct Professor, Author, Filmaker and Human Rights Activist

Following a decorated football career as Australia's 419th Socceroo and 40th Captain, Craig Foster has become one of Australia's most respected sports people as a broadcaster, social justice advocate and human rights campaigner.

With 29 caps for the Socceroos including as the 40th National Captain, Craig played for historic Australian clubs and was Captain of Crystal Palace FC in England.

A veteran of a 20+ year broadcast career with SBS television, part of the triple Logie-winning SBS World Cup football coverage and now covering the world game with Stan Australia.

Well known for his human rights advocacy, his high-profile campaigns include rescuing a young Bahraini refugee from a Thai prison, captured in the book "Fighting for Hakeem" and the documentary film "The Defenders" on Amazon Prime.

Craig also helped many Afghan women and girls to flee the Taliban in 2021 including the Afghan women's National football team and a group of 15 young girls. This story was captured in the online, award-winning film, 'Die or Die Trying: Escaping the Taliban' and led the successful 'Game Over' campaign with Amnesty Australia to free hundreds of refugees trapped in Australia's offshore detention regime.

He is a Member of the Order of Australia for services to multiculturalism, sport and refugees, the Australian Football Hall of Fame, served as Chair of the Australian player's association where he led the push for gender equality, as Chair and Co-Chair of the Australian Republic Movement, was formerly Australian Father of the Year and NSW Australian of the Year, is the face of various anti-racism campaigns, an outspoken and committed advocate for multiculturalism and Member of the Australian Multicultural Council under the Department of Home Affairs.

An author and speaker, Craig holds a Master's in Sports Administration, a Bachelor of Laws, and an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from the University of Wollongong.

Craig Foster Talks About

- Leadership
- Multiculturalism

- Inclusion and diversity
- Personal achievement and defining success
- Women’s sport
- Gender equality, including sport
- Human rights
- Social justice
- Future Australia
- Community building
- Volunteerism

Client testimonials

> The attendees at the Food Equity Symposium positively reflected that Craig's speech set the tone and the challenge for the day by bringing the issue to the common denominator of humanity. His keynote speech was received incredibly well by both the audience and other speakers after him, with his comments and attitudes towards the issue of food insecurity guiding subsequent discussions. His delivery was passionate, hard - without polarising the audience - and engaged everyone.

- Aboriginal Affairs NSW Premier’s Department

> Thank you again for your time, and very inspirational chat. A lot of our company have said you really made them think, and realised that we can all do better, not only for Diversity and Inclusion in the workplace, but in society and in our communities as a whole.

- WSP Australia Pty Limited

> Craig Foster was really well received at our media event, he has a fantastic manner and presented in line with our messaging and was well prepared and knowledgeable on the whole subject

- Australian Wool Innovation

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