

Michael Voss

Legendary AFL Player and Head Coach Carlton Football Club

Michael Voss is a legend of the Australian Football League. At the age of 21, Michael was appointed captain of the Brisbane Lions AFL team, a position he held for 10 years until retiring as a player in 2006. During this period, Michael achieved extraordinary success as an individual and team leader. As the team leader, Voss captained the Brisbane Lions to four consecutive AFL Grand Finals, winning 3 consecutive AFL Premierships in 2001, 2002 and 2003. Individually Voss was awarded the AFL's highest individual honour, the Brownlow medal in 1996 and the Brisbane Lions Team Best & Fairest five times among a multitude of Voss's personal honours.



Born in Traralgon in eastern Victoria, he spent his early years in nearby Orbost until his family moved to Queensland when the budding superstar was just 11. From his early days at Morningside Football Club, where his father Garry was general manager, he was always going to be something special. And if there was any doubt it was permanently removed when he kicked 14 goals in one game in the 1992 Australian Teal Cup (Under 17) Championships in Traralgon. He made his AFL debut the following week, aged 17 years and 11 days, and hasn't looked back.

Following his retirement as a player, Voss joined the Network 10 commentary team in 2007 and was also a Sports Anchor on Network Ten's 5pm weekday news in Brisbane. He is also a columnist with the Sunday Age and does sports commentary with Radio 3AW.

Voss was appointed coach of the Brisbane Lions AFL team in 2009, the position he held for 5 years until 2013, when he returned to media activities as the new host of the Fox 8 AFL show.

Michael's style as a player and coach was respected and admired by teammates and opponents alike. As much for his modest, down-to-earth, unaffected and ever-considerate manner off the field as for his inspirational, fearless and uncompromising approach on the field. It's these qualities that Michael brings to his speaking engagements, that endear him to all types of audiences.

Client testimonials

“ Michael delivered exactly what we were after on all fronts. He ensured he understood the brief by asking relevant questions and then tailored his message to his audience perfectly. His speaking style was honest, humble and engaging, and he was also a pleasure to deal with in the lead up to and post his presentation. We had quite a few “non-football fans” in the audience who took the time to provide feedback on how much they enjoyed the presentation, and were keen to take his key messages back to their own businesses. I would happily recommend Michael to any company seeking to gain leadership and high-performance insights.

- Commonwealth Bank

“ We invited Michael Voss to be the guest speaker at our launch and his performance on the night was both professional and entertaining. His attention to detail was exceptional in the fact he did some product research, related his presentation to our company image and did the small things like standing at the exit and personally shaking hands with all 150 guests as they left. I would recommend him to all potential companies looking for a true professional speaker.

- Legrand Minitronics Pty Ltd

“ Michael is so much more than an AFL great; with his appeal stretching well beyond your traditional AFL audience it made him an easy choice as a keynote speaker for our state conference. Michael was able to engage a diversified audience and keep them entertained and inspired for the full 60 minutes, his honest and natural style was a refreshing change. I look forward to the opportunity when we can engage Michael again.

- Mortgage Choice Limited

“ Michael addressed a meeting of a large and diverse group of professionals on high performance team culture, drawing on his personal experience, in a practical and humorous way. The feedback was universally complimentary (even from those who had said "Michael who" initially!) He demonstrated his ability to communicate with a wide range of people in a subsequent meeting with our senior group in which he focused on more specific aspects of performance especially in the area of people management and business development, answering questions on many aspects of these topics. I highly commend him as a practical motivational speaker, generous with his time and with a genuine desire and enthusiasm to deliver.

- Blake Dawson Waldron Lawyers

“ Excellent, the audience couldn't stop talking about him

- *DMAW Lawyers Pty Ltd*

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