

# Phil Kearns

## *Rugby's most respected son*

Phil Kearns led Australia's rugby union team ten times in a glittering career, which saw him play 67 Test matches for the Wallabies and win the sport's greatest prize - the William Webb Ellis Cup, twice. He uses those experiences, and his rare insight to entertain audiences across Australia, and as a vital part of his rugby coverage on FOX SPORTS rugby.



## *More about Phil Kearns:*

Phil is Australia's most capped hooker, and has been acknowledged by many rugby commentators as having been the world's best rugby hooker. Since his retirement, he has built a successful career as a rugby commentator and specialist banker. Phil is committed to several charities and he is in high demand as an MC and keynote speaker.

Phil Kearns played an impressive 67 test matches for Australia, after making his test debut in 1989. He also played in the 'Rest of the World' side against the All Blacks for the New Zealand Rugby Centenary celebrations.

Phil was appointed captain of the Wallabies on ten occasions throughout his career - testament to his great ability as a player, coupled with amazing leadership skills, both on and off the field. A man of determination, Phil's comeback to the Wallaby side after an 18 month battle to overcome Achilles and knee injuries, was proclaimed as a symbol of his quality as an enduring athlete.

A tenacious competitor, Phil Kearns epitomised the new breed of Australian sportsmen displaying remarkable talent, ability and determination. Despite setting himself exceptionally high standards in all of his pursuits, Phil remained, throughout his playing career, the consummate team member. His candid wit and outgoing personality made him popular with team mates, supporters, media and even opponents. This popularity has continued post rugby, through his media, business and other charitable commitments.

Phil Kearns capped off his rugby career by playing an important part in the Wallabies World Cup win in 1999 - this was his third world cup campaign.

Since his retirement, Phil's career has remained hectic and diverse. He works with the specialist banking firm Investec, and commentates with Fox Sports. He also maintains commitments with

numerous charities. At home, Phil has four young children, which keep both him and his wife, Julie, on the run.

Outstanding sporting achievements, impressive personal qualities and articulate presentation skills place Phil Kearns in high demand as a public speaker and spokesperson for companies and products.

## Client testimonials

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“ Phil was fantastic - could not be happier. To the crowd he seemed genuine, interested and very compelling...and slotted in well - extremely professional.

- *St George*

“ Phil Kearns was the guest speaker at the Carbine Club of WA Rugby Luncheon held in Perth on the eve of the Wallabies vs. Fiji Test Match played on the 9th June 2007. The Luncheon was attended by some 250 business and sporting people and was an outstanding success due largely to the excellent presentation by Phil...Phil's 45 minute talk was presented in a professional, informative and humorous fashion. He received and responded to numerous questions during a 20 minute question time. The Carbine Club received many positive comments relating to Phil's presentation and I would have no hesitation in recommending Phil as a guest speaker for future sporting/business functions.

- *Carbine Club of Western Australia*

“ Phil was fantastic. He touched all of the key points that we had spoken about and was very engaging and entertaining. He was very well received by those that attended the event.

- *Dexion Group*

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