

Graham Cornes OAM

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Graham Cornes OAM, is a former Australian Rules footballer, coach and media personality. He has spent a lifetime in AFL football as a successful player and coach, culminating in his admission to the Australian Football Hall of Fame in 2012.



More about Graham Cornes:

Graham has played 390 games of senior football with Glenelg, South Adelaide, North Melbourne, including 22 games with the SANFL state team.

Graham has won the Tassie Medal, the Simpson Medal, was twice an all-Australian player and twice the all-Australian coach. In his six years as coach of Glenelg, the Tigers played in five grand finals for two premierships in 1985/86.

Graham was the inaugural coach of the Adelaide Crows, taking them to the preliminary final in the club's third year. As coach, he led the SA state of origin team through its most successful era.

His football career was balanced by a corporate career, in which he was the dealer principal of several successful automobile franchises.

For over 23 years he was a radio broadcaster, the last 18 years of which he co-hosted Australia's most successful sport, talk radio programme on FIVEAA. It consistently rated number one in the Adelaide market, beating even the most popular syndicated national programmes. He still hosts a popular "Conversations" programme and regularly guests as a sports broadcaster.

Having been drafted under the National Service Act, he also served two years in the Australian

Army, which included a tour of duty as an infantry soldier in South Vietnam in 1970. Veteran's affairs and veteran's mental health are close to his heart.

In March 2019 he was appointed to the Mental Health Commission's Community Advisory Committee.

Client testimonials

“ Excellent, amazing, brilliant and awesome was some of the feedback from the people who attended the evening re Graham's speech and the band. Graham approached the topic of mental health to footballer's, veterans and the general community in a sensitive and calm manner. You could not hear a pin drop during the speech which is very unusual for football club rooms.

- ***Crystal Brook RSL and Crystal Brook Football Club***

“ Graham did a fantastic job speaking at our fundraising dinner, we had great feedback from all of our guests. His talk was very relevant to the cause that we were fundraising for and he engaged extremely well with the crowd. He was the highlight of the night!

- ***Elders Kingscote***

“ Graham was great. Very interesting & entertaining.

- ***Blackwood Hire***

“ Engaged the group well with relevant topics.

- ***Master Locksmiths Association of Australasia***

“ An absolute gentleman and generous with his time after the show, happily talking to guests.

- ***Vigour***

“ Excellent - Graham was a confident and eloquent speaker who engaged with our audience at a personal level - he included everyone in his stories and kept the audience interested throughout.

- ***Alzheimers Australia SA Inc***

“ Graham fitted into the panel really well and contributed to the morning's Work-life Balance in a Modern World session and provided the audience an opportunity to hear first hand how he balances his own busy career demands with family life.

- Safe Work SA

“ The presentation drew upon the speaker's experiences external to the RAAF, whilst still maintaining relevance to RAAF values.

- Maritime Patrol System Program Office

“ Graham is a strong speaker who is confident and at ease in front of a large audience.

- Real Estate Institute of South Australia

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