



The Carbine Club of NSW

Craig Phillips

Born: May, 1960, NSW

Carbine Club Member since: 2011 (Member)

Current employment: Chief Executive Officer, Commonwealth Games Australia

Craig Phillips began his involvement in sport at a young age, representing Australia at the 1979 Junior World Championships and other international events in modern pentathlon.

Since this time, Craig's involvement in the international sporting arena has grown significantly. Between 1990 and 2014 he worked for the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC), including serving as Secretary-General (CEO) for 10 years from 2005 to 2014. He is the longest serving Secretary General since Julius "Judy" Patching in the 1970/80s.

While at the AOC he served on the management of 12 Olympic Teams (6 summer and 6 winter) from Barcelona 1992 to Sochi 2014. He is Australia's most capped Olympic Team official.

In 2015, he joined Commonwealth Games Australia (CGA) as its CEO – a role he holds until the present day. He served on the Board of the Gold Coast 2018 (GC2018) Commonwealth Games Organising Committee. GC2018 saw a number of important "firsts" – first time for a major Games to have an equal number of events for men and women, the largest para-sport program of any Commonwealth Games and the first major event to have a Reconciliation Action Plan.

His role with CGA and GC2018 saw him honoured with the Australian Institute of Sport Award for Leadership in 2018. His dedication to sport in Australia was also acknowledged when he was awarded the Golden Olympic Rings Award by the IOC for his services to the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. In 2010, he also received the Alumnus of the Year Award at the Southern Cross University Graduate College of Management.

Craig was instrumental in the creation of the Kurt Fearnley Scholarship program which is jointly funded by CGA and the Carbine Club of NSW and supported by the NSW Institute of Sport.