

Biography

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Craig was born and educated in Lower Hutt. In his 7th form year at Naenae College, he was selected as an AFS exchange student to Ohio, USA. Upon returning to New Zealand, Craig attended Victoria University.

In 1985, Craig was hired into the Bank of New Zealand (BNZ), treasury in Wellington. Craig also managed the BNZ Singapore treasury office for six months in 1990. During his time at the BNZ he covered most financial instruments and was rapidly promoted leading to the position of Chief Dealer Long Term Interest Rates in 1991. This was an extraordinary period in New Zealand's financial market history. Deregulation throughout the 1980's forced New Zealand institutions to compete globally and provided a steep learning curve for participants.

Credit Suisse Financial Products, London, (CSFP), employed Craig in 1991. After managing the derivative risk covering many European markets, particularly during the time of convergence to the Euro, he was appointed to Director of European Trading in 1996. In 1998 Craig moved to Tokyo, to manage CSFP's Japan and Pacific trading operations. This period also saw him promoted to Managing Director.

Craig and his wife, Kristal, decided to return to New Zealand in 2000. They were married in 1993 and have two young daughters.

Since returning, Craig has been involved in the formation of new technology communication businesses. He joined the National party in 2000 and has been an electorate Chairman and the candidate for Tukituki in 2002, bringing the incumbent's majority down by one third. Craig was elected as the MP for Tukituki in 2005, with a margin of 2,402. He has been appointed National's Associate Spokesperson for Finance and Associate Agriculture (Horticulture) and sits on the Finance and Expenditure Select Committee.

Family, friends, rugby and the beach are Craig's favourite leisure pastimes.