



Derek Finch

Born in UK and lived in London and Home Counties. 25 years working as a manager in Social Housing in the UK and emigrated in 1993. In Australia I set up and/or managed Contact Centres for a wide variety of organisations (last one being Optus Business) and then was a consultant for a CX consultancy firm helping the (many) organisations who don't know how to deal with customers! Over the last 15 years have sat on the Boards of a number of not for profit organisations – was chair of the contact centre industry Association, Chair of Special Olympics SA and currently a Director of 2 national Diabetes Charities, Walking Football Federation of Australia and Walking Football Association. Also do some pro bono consulting in my spare time.

Interests

With Board and charity work and walking football (plus 2 daughters living close wanting help) I don't have much time for anything else but read a good book.

Fun Fact

Mum was born in Wales so have affinity with the country.

Football Journey

With my father being an England Amateur International (24 caps) and one full cap, I was always going to play football. I trained at Arsenal as an 11 year old (scored against a young Bob Wilson). Played county schools and then 3 years as a semi pro (Isthmian leagues which is now National League South) before work commitments meant it was harder to get to regular training and travel away games. Dropped to senior amateur level and played rep at AFA (governing organisation) and SAL (league) level. Injury at 33 cut short playing as a winger I lost whatever speed I once had.

Preferred position

As long as I am kicking a ball I am happy. Prefer to play up front or at the back but happy anywhere as our game is very flexible.

Medial History

None. It's my brother that gets sick!