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| Child hood George is the youngest of two children. His parents are Elna and Pete George. He has one brother and grew up in Narrogin and Cuballing, on the family farm where he is currently living. He played footy for Wickepin, cricket for Cuballing, and hockey for Olympics. George also played a bit of tennis. education George attended Narrogin Primary School from 1983-1989. He attended Narrogin Senior High School from 1990-1992. He also attended Narrogin Agricultural College. Experiences and career Before his professional career George moved to Perth when he was 18. He got a job as a store man for Tinmen, 1995, but they went broke. Then he got a job as a sheet metal fabricator, for CPE Switchboards, who he worked for, for 11 years. 1997-2008. Some of the places he visited whilst playing were: Germany, Holland, Belgium, England, India, Malaysia, New Zealand, china, and Greece. He was selected for the Aussie squad at 22, 1999. He played his first game in Darwin.  **Key accomplishments**  George was selected at 22 in 1999 to play for the Kookaburras. He played 208 games and scored 13 goals which is astonishing because he was a fullback. He is the only male west Australian hockey player to ever win an Olympic gold medal. He got 2 Commonwealth gold medals, and bronze in the 2008 Olympics. He was Kookaburra player of the year 5 times, 2003, 2004,2006,2007,2008. He was nominated as World Player Of The Year twice, but both times his little mate Jamie Dwyer won it. |  | **SUMMARY OF GEORGE** Bevan George is an ex-Olympian full back. He was born on the 22nd of March in 1977. Hockey has taken George on a path of greatness. Moving to Perth when he was 18 and being selected at 22 for the Kookaburras in 1999. He was put on tour in Darwin where he played his first match. He currently lives in Cuballing owning and running the family farm with his wife Jodie and 3 children. |  |  |
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|  |  | **CHALLENGES GEORGE FACED**  Like most athletes, and anyone, George face challenges like doubt.  “I had doubts all the time, anyone, everyone probably goes through that phase in life. I had doubts about my ability at times, but you had ways of overcoming them, and work hard and work on your weaknesses, know your strengths, and plenty of support from your teammates and coaches.”  **WHAT MAKES GEORGE A SIGNIFICANT AUSTRALIAN FIGURE**  George is one of the only 16 men to have won gold in hockey at an Olympics. He is the only WA male hockey player to ever win an Olympic gold medal. He was regarded as one of the best full backs to have played for Australia. He is also regarded as one of the best dads in Australia. |  | “In terms of sport, I always play to enjoy it, nothing else, and you probably hear it all the time, but you gotta find ways to have fun playimg. It’s the most importanat thing is if you treat it like a job, or anything else you’re never going to enjoy playing sport. Sport is fun!” |
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| TIMELINE OF HIS LIFE GEORGE WAS BORN ON THE 22ND OF MARCH, 1977.  He attended Narrogin primary school 1983-1989  He attended Narrogin Senior High School 1990-1992  Attended Narrogin Agriculture college 1993-1994  At the age of 18 he moved to Perth 1995  He was selected at 22 to play for the Kookaburras. 1999  Played his first game for the Kookaburras in Darwin.  In 2004 he went to the Olympic games in Athens, winning gold.    First child born 2007  Second child born 2009  Third child born 2012  In 2018 he was inducted into the West Australian Hall of champions  In 2020 he celebrated his 43 birthday | SOME FACTS ABOUT GEORGE  * He played his entire hockey career with the same shinpads he bought and used when he was 13. He still has and plays in them today. He used them for 30 years. * He’s actually left handed. He played cricket lefthanded etc. and he had to learn to play hockey right-handed since you can’t play left-handed. * He almost quit. He didn’t like Perth or his job and almost left and went back to Narrogin. But he decided to finish the season and ended up staying in Perth and got selected for the Kookaburras. * He was close to playing in the Sydney Olympics in 2000. Sadly, he just missed out. |
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