

# Sam Thaiday

## *NRL Legend, Media Commentator, Keynote Speaker*

Rugby league legend Sam Thaiday's playing career took off when he signed with the Brisbane Broncos in 2003 making his professional NRL debut that year. He spent his entire career at the Broncos, with whom he won the 2006 Premiership.

In 2011, he was awarded the captaincy and went on to win the Dally M award for best second row player.

He has played an impressive 29 matches for Queensland in the State of Origin series and has over 30 test caps to his name representing Australia on successful domestic and European tours.

Playing at the top of his game, Sam was one of only three current players to be named in the indigenous Australian rugby league team of the century. He retired from NRL at the end of the 2018 season cementing himself in an elite club of players having played over 300 games for the one club.

One of the most highly regarded and respected players in the league, Sam is also known for his community involvement. Sam has been awarded the Ken Stephen Medal for his outstanding commitment to a wide range of community and charity activities.

In his retirement, apart from spending time with his wife and beautiful girls, Sam has forged a successful media career with Channel Nine and having also hosted his own radio show Thank God It's Thaiday on Nova. Sam is also an ambassador for a host of brands including for the Starlight Children's Foundation, has a strong and interactive social media presence and is actively sought after in various speaking engagements.

Sam has a personality that endears him to many and is often commended on his personable, approachable and very professional manner. In 2025 he was crowned winner of "I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out of Here".



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