



# **The Lord's Taverners Australia Deaf Cricket Ashes & Tri Series**

Hosted by

Cricket Australia, Cricket Victoria, Deaf Cricket  
Australia & Deaf Sports Australia

**Media Pack**

## Venue

Geelong Grammar School, Geelong, Victoria

## Ceremonies

Opening Ceremony	Sunday 16th January 2011	Melbourne Cricket Ground
Closing Ceremony	Thursday 27th January 2011	Geelong Grammar School

## Competing Teams

Australia



England



South Africa



## **Fixture**

### **Test**

17-19 Jan      Australia vs. England

### **One Day Internationals**

21 Jan      Australia vs. South Africa

22 Jan      South Africa vs. England

23 Jan      Australia vs. England

27 Jan      FINAL

### **T20 Internationals**

24 Jan      South Africa vs. England

24 Jan      Australia vs. England

26 Jan      Australia vs. South Africa

26 Jan      FINAL

**England Team**

Umesh Valjee – Captain

Michael Weathersby

Paul Allen

Saul Allison

Liam Backhurst

Matt Clinton

James Dixon

Stephen George

George Greenway

Stefan Pichowski

James Schofield

Bobby Denning – Head Coach

Peter Dixon – Tour Manager

Nigel George – Team Manager

Derek Morgan – Assistant Coach

Kate Peckham – Physiotherapist

Sula Gleeson – Sign Language Interpreter

Richard Hill – Scorer

Simon Lycett – ECAD Secretary

Blyth Duncan – Team Support

Ian Martin ECB

**Australian Team**

Kym Daley – Captain

Justin Bergin – Vice Captain

Duc Le

Tim Regan

Matthew Shenton

Adam Vero

Bradley Trudgett

Mark Theodossiou

Grant Thomson

Michael Parremore

Ross Churchyard

Paul Welch

Luke Trudgett

Andrew Park

Ben Skinner

John Webb – Coach

Kevin Smith – Team Manager

Susan Emerson - Interpreter

**South African Team**

Jeffrey van der Winter

Ricardo Peters

Andre van Rooyen

Ryno Cloete

Eric Minaar

Shane Gangan

Sharmiel Howley

Niel Smuts

Colin Venter

Rual Kumalo

Abiti Modiba

Avinash Kallichurian

Wojeich Palainkas

Roland Baxter – Coach

Byron Vincent – Team Manager

Michael Lombard – Tour/Logistics Manager

Charles Visser – Delegate

Neale Price – Cricket Australia

Greg Brown – The Lord's Taverners Australia

Michael Parremore – Deaf Cricket Australia

Annie Hateley – Cricket Victoria

Craig Dodson – Deaf Sports Australia

Irena Farinacci – Deaf Sports Australia

Kristen Beams – Cricket Australia

Matthew Betsey – Cricket Australia

**Organising Committee**

## History

### DEAF ASHES TOUR

The Deaf Ashes is a competition played by Australia and England and is played at a very high standard as both teams are fierce competitors. It started in 1992 when the England Deaf cricket team visited Australia to play 5 Test Matches, all in different states around Australia. Australia won the series 4-0 with the last match drawn. The 2nd Deaf Ashes Tour was held in 1994 when the Aussies visited England and came home victors 2-0 out of 5 matches. The 2004 3rd Deaf Ashes Tour in Australia saw the introduction of 5 ODI's (One-Day Internationals) and 3 Test Matches (each of 3 days duration). England visited Australia and Australia won a hard fought Test series 1-0. In contrast, they won the ODIs easily 5-0. In 2008, Australia toured England and played 2 Test Matches, both matches were drawn. Australia won the first two ODIs before England clawed their way back to win the remaining 2 ODIs to level the series. This Deaf Ashes tour in January 2011 will be the 5<sup>th</sup> time the two countries have competed against each other.



### The Lord's Taverners Australia Deaf Cricket Ashes & Tri Series

After the cancellation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Deaf Cricket World Cup in mid-2010, Cricket Australia joined forces with Deaf Cricket Australia, The Lord's Taverners Australia, Deaf Sports Australia and Cricket Victoria to look at opportunities for Australia to host a Deaf Cricket event. Cricket Australia and The ECB have a strong relationship and after discussions, decided to host the English Deaf cricket team for an Ashes Series. The timing couldn't be more perfect with the Australian Men's/ Women's Teams taking on the England Men's/ Women's Team in Ashes battles in Australia in January.

The South African Deaf Cricket Association showed interest in participating in a series against Australia and England and an invitation was extended to South Africa increasing the matches to include a Test (Australia vs. England), ODI Series and T20 matches.

This event is proudly supported and sponsored by The Lord's Taverners Australia who have been instrumental in the ability for Australia to host this event and are long term supporters of cricket for people with physical, sensory and intellectual disabilities.

The Lord's Taverners Australia Deaf Cricket Ashes & Tri Series marks another significant step in the relationship between Deaf Cricket Australia, Deaf Sports Australia and Cricket Australia who signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in 2006.

Cricket Australia were recently named as Organisation of the Year at the Deaf Sports Australia Awards, this was a significant achievement for Cricket Australia.