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CAPTAINS' FORUM

WHAT IS THE CAPTAINS' FORUM?

The Captains' Forum is an initiative of The Sport Australia Hall of Fame in partnership with the Australian Sports Commission.

The Captains' Forum brings together the captains and leaders of Australia's major sporting teams to discuss contemporary issues and opportunities facing Australian sport and its role in society; to develop actionable solutions, and to provide community leadership by encouraging the commitment to the solutions within sport and the broader community.

The Captains' Forum is a milestone event in Australian sport; a unique concept which builds on Australia's reputation as a pioneer in sport. The Forum recognises the very significant influence of sport on Australians and provides the opportunity to have Australian captains speak with one voice to drive cultural change from within. The Forum is an innovative concept which leverages our nation's sporting champions, and the leadership roles of The Sport Australia Hall of Fame and the Australian Sports Commission.

It is a great honour to be invited to the Captains' Forum, for the athletes, their clubs, their sports, and their supporters. We look forward to their contribution and the support of other stakeholders. It is envisaged that the Forum will become an annual event, bringing together the captains to reflect on the year past and plan for the year ahead.

The Australian Government is pleased to support this important initiative which represents the strengthening relationship between The Sport Australia Hall of Fame, whose Members represent all sports including all Olympic disciplines, the Australian Sports Commission, whose mission is to enrich the lives of all Australians through sport, the sporting organisations and athletes who represent us in the sporting arena.

WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE FORUM?

The Forum objectives are to:

- Develop national responses by Australia's sporting leaders to some of the most significant issues facing Australian sport and impacting the community more broadly;

- Position Australia's captains as role models and leaders of change as they respond to the core issues facing Australian sport;
- Develop a culture of peer support and review within and across Australian sports;
- Encourage closer collaboration between the government, regulatory bodies, athletes and other stakeholders in a transparent and practical way;
- Support the values of The Sport Australia Hall of Fame within Australian sport: Integrity, Mateship, Courage, Persistence, and Excellence; and
- Build on Australia's role in pioneering sport development internationally.

It is envisaged the Forum will provide the vehicle to positively shape the culture of Australian sport and demonstrate to our international colleagues that we are continuing to lead the development of sport.

THE 2009 INAUGURAL CAPTAINS' FORUM

The Forum will be held in Canberra on 18 and 19 November, 2009.

There are three key elements to the event:

- Pre-Forum stakeholder interviews and research to inform discussions at the Forum and identify the most pressing issues and potential solutions;
- A one day workshop on 19 November, 2009 to provide the engagement process for Australia's captains to discuss and develop solutions to agreed issues; and
- A comprehensive post-workshop communications strategy to outline the results of the workshops, and the commitments agreed on by the captains, and to ensure these outcomes are appropriately disseminated throughout the sporting and broader communities.

A dinner will be held on 18 November, 2009 to facilitate the interaction with a broader network of key Australian sport stakeholders and to celebrate the launch of the concept.

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