

# Cricket Wicket Seminar

7th & 8th September 2010

Blacktown Olympic Park




Unique Opportunity for anyone  
working on Cricket Wickets



Hands-on wicket preparation



2 Days on Wickets, Outfields,  
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# Program

You are invited to be part of a very unique hands-on cricket wicket preparation seminar.

This event will cover every aspect of wicket and outfield preparation demonstrated on full size turf wickets.

Work side by side with undoubtedly one of Australia's finest wicket technicians, Les Burdett of Adelaide Oval.

Topics covered will include: watering, scarifying, rolling, wicket covers, top dressing, wicket marking and all the trimmings which go hand in hand with producing top class results.

Delegates will be given the opportunity to participate in the practical demonstrations working on early wicket preparation to match day completion. This will be a great learning opportunity for all cricket bodies, councils, clubs and schools to update their wicket and outfield knowledge.



## Program Day One

<b>Official Opening of Seminar</b>
Dave Gilbert, Cricket NSW
<b>Introduction to seminar</b>
Graeme Logan, STA NSW
<b>Wicket Preparation Experiences</b>
by Les Burdett
<b>Preparing Wickets for IPL Cricket</b>
by Ricky Aitken, Hong Kong Cricket Club
Trade Exhibition & Morning Tea
<b>Practical Wicket Demonstrations</b>
Wicket Rollers, Scarifiers, Watering
Trade Exhibition & Lunch
<b>Practical Wicket Demonstrations</b>
Wicket Rolling Times, Wicket Covers
Conclusion of Day 1 - 2.30pm
Casual Function at Rooty Hill RSL (optional)

## Program Day Two

Day 2 Introduction, Graeme Logan
<b>Life in Hong Kong as a Curator</b>
by Ricky Aitken, Hong Kong Cricket Club
<b>Outfield Transition, Winter to Summer</b>
by Adam Lewis, Hurstville Oval
Trade Exhibition & Morning Tea
<b>Practical Wicket Demonstrations</b>
Final Match Day Preparation & Wicket Marking Out
<b>Guest Speaker</b>
Trade Exhibition & Lunch
Conclusion of Day 2 - 2.30pm

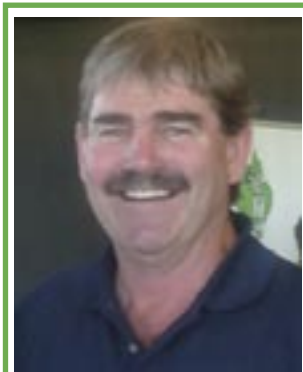
If you are involved in cricket field preparation at any level then this is one event not to miss. With the rare opportunity to demonstration on full size live wickets, we will show all aspects of wicket preparation from:

- Wicket watering techniques
- Scarifying during early preparation
- Timing of watering
- Rolling combinations
- Wicket covering options
- Wicket marking out techniques
- Different requirements in preparation for 1 day and 4 day matches.
- Techniques for wicket recovery after use and between innings.
- Early season wicket renovation programs
- Outfield maintenance and transitioning
- Turf types and oversowing with ryegrass.



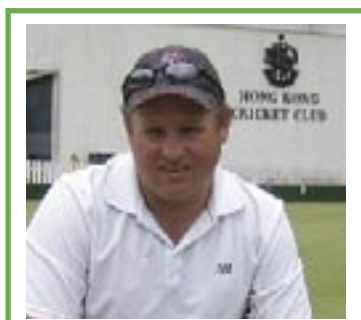
All delegates will receive a certificate of attendance

# Presenters



**Les Burdett** joined the staff of the South Australian Cricket Association in 1969 and held the position of Oval Manager since 1978 until his recent retirement in June. During his forty years at Adelaide Oval he has overseen the management of the 15 hectares of turf and buildings and shouldered the responsibility of preparing the international Test wicket. Les' horticultural expertise and advice is highly regarded, and as well as authoring numerous conference papers he has been a consultant for many international and national projects in India, South Africa and Kuala Lumpur and Australia.

In 2001 Les was awarded the Australian Sports Medal in recognition of Service to Cricket and in 2003 this was followed with an Australian Centenary Medal for Service to the Sport of Cricket and the Turf Industry. In 2008, he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to the turf management industry, charities and the community. Les has been involved with Variety SA since 2001.



**Ricky Aitken** has been working in the turf industry for the past 18 years. Ricky started his career working on Lawn Bowling Greens in Tasmania. He progressed through his career to work for the local government authority where he managed the Cricket Grounds and Australian Rules football grounds. Ricky completed two six month contracts working on the ground staff at Lord's cricket ground in London, where he gained more experience within international cricket circles. In the spring of 2002 Ricky left Tasmania to take up a position with the Hong Kong Cricket Club where he took up the role of Grounds Manager. During Ricky's time in Hong Kong he has expanded on his experience, where he is not only responsible for the Hong Kong Cricket Club turf, but is also a consultant for the Kowloon Cricket Club and Hong Kong Cricket Association. In March of 2008 Ricky received an invitation to manage and prepare the wickets and outfield for the Deccan Chargers for the Indian Premier League at the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium



**Adam Lewis** boasts a long and successful career in the greenkeeping industry. He commenced his profession as a landscaper/horticulturalist in 1992 before moving into greenkeeping in 1995. Over the next few years, Adam honed his skills by working at both Hurstville Oval and Hurstville Golf Course. He was appointed Ground Manager of Hurstville Oval in 2001. During his tenure, Hurstville Oval has been awarded the NSW Cricket Association Ground of the Year five times and has hosted numerous high profile matches including Women's One Day Internationals and the NSW Ford Ranger Cup. Adam is currently Acting Manager, Parks Maintenance at Hurstville City Council.



A variety of Machinery and Products will be on display at the Seminar.

Blacktown Olympic Park is the home of Cricket NSW and offers not only 16 full sized practice wickets but indoor wickets and 2 ovals. This is also the home of the new Greater Western Sydney AFL team and also boasts 4 softball diamonds, 3 international standard baseball diamonds, athletics venue, soccer field and training facilities. With easy access just off the M7 this is a venue worth visiting.

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# Event Information

Date	Tuesday, 7th & Wednesday, 8th September 2010
Venue	Blacktown Olympic Park, Eastern Road, Rooty Hill NSW 2766
Time	Registration 8am, Seminar commences 8.30am Concludes 2.30pm both days.
Cost	STA Members: \$295.00 (inc GST) Non Members: \$350.00* (inc GST) * Includes membership to STA NSW Discount for 3 or more \$255 (member) \$310 (non member)
Registration	Bookings are required by 1st September and confirmaton of bookings will be sent either via email or fax. Registration includes 2 days of seminar, practical demonstrations, Tea & Coffee on arrival, morning tea and lunch. All delegates receive a certificate of attendance.
Accommodation	Novotel Sydney Rooty Hill is located only 5 minutes from the venue and are offering a discount to anyone attending this event. \$165.00 per night. When booking mentioned that you are attending the STA Cricket Wicket Seminar and Quote Code: 31950 Call: 02 9832 3888 Novotel Sydney Rooty Hill / www.novotel.com Rooty Hill RSL 55 Sherbrooke Street, Rooty Hill 2766

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