



STARS ALIGN FOR BIG DAY

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GET READY FOR A WEEKEND

of fun and excitement at the University of Wollongong revolving around many of the biggest names in international cricket over the past four decades.

Stars include former Australian wicketkeeper-batsman and UOW Ambassador Adam Gilchrist and legendary West Indians Sir Vivian Richards and Brian Lara.

On Sunday UOW is hosting two fabulous Twenty20 cricket matches for its fourth annual Stumping Serious Diseases (SSD) event to raise funds and awareness of the University's health and medical research programs.

This year SSD will support, in particular, local children's health and the appointment of a Professor of Paediatrics to the University and the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District.

The day will start with a celebrity charity game featuring famous faces from the sport and entertainment worlds, followed by an all star match featuring current professional cricketers and legends of the game.

Gilchrist will lead a UOW XI and former west indian captain Richards will lead a Bradman World XI. The connection with the world's greatest-ever cricketer, Sir Donald Bradman, comes after the recent announcement of a partnership between UOW and the Bradman Foundation to foster educational opportunities and assist and inspire young people.

Gilchrist and Richards will lead teams bristling with big name international cricketers including Lara – considered by many to be the best batsman since Bradman, Michael Bevan, Waqar Younis, Damien Martyn, Rod Marsh, Graeme Hick, Scott Styris, Adam Hoolioake, Carl Hooper, Tom Moody, James Brayshaw and Daryl Tuffey.

The celebrity match will start the day's activities at 11am with a showdown between rugby league's past and present stars Wendell Sailor's Town XI and Ben Creagh's Gown XI. The St George Illawarra Dragons favourites will be joined by Wallabies Quade Cooper and James O'Connor as well as Home and Away's Steve Peacocke and a host of other personalities.

See inside for profiles on the players and how to obtain tickets for the big day. ■

Captains Adam Gilchrist (above), who will lead the UOW XI and legendary West Indian Sir Vivian Richards (right), who will lead the Bradman XI in the annual Stumping Serious Diseases Twenty20 cricket match at the University of Wollongong.





UOW STUMPING SERIOUS DISEASES

THE CAPTAINS

UOW XI - Adam Gilchrist



When Adam Gilchrist retired from international cricket early in 2008 he was widely regarded as the finest wicketkeeper-batsman to have ever played the game. Adam, who is now an Ambassador for the University of

Wollongong, is an aggressive left-handed batsman and record-breaking wicketkeeper. He holds the world record for the most dismissals by a wicketkeeper in One Day International cricket (472) and the most by an Australian in Test cricket (416). His strike rate is among the highest in the history of both ODI and Test cricket and he is the only player to have hit 100 sixes in Test cricket. Adam holds the record of scoring at least 50 runs in successive World Cup finals (in 1999, 2003 and 2007) and is one of only three players to have won three titles. Adam scored a spectacular century to spearhead Australia's victory in the 2007 World Cup final.

Bradman World XI - Sir Vivian Richards



Sir Vivian Richards is cricket royalty. The former West Indian cricketer was voted one of the five Cricketers of the Century in 2000 and was chosen by Wisden as the greatest One Day International (ODI) batsman of all time. Richards is

considered the most formidable batsman ever to play the game by cricketers, journalists and fans alike and played his entire career from 1974-1991 without a helmet. His aggressive playing style and easy-going demeanor made Richards a crowd favourite and an intimidating prospect for bowlers all over the world. Richards captained the West Indies in 50 Test matches from 1984-1991 and is the only West Indies captain never to lose a Test series. Richards was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for services to cricket in 1994 and was made a Knight of the Order of the National Hero (KNH) by his native country Antigua and Barbuda in 1999.

Town XI - Wendell Sailor



Wendell 'Big Dell' Sailor is a former professional footballer who has represented Australia in both rugby league and rugby union. Sailor signed on with the St George Illawarra Dragons in 2008, playing rugby league with

them until his retirement in 2009. He has appeared on Dancing with the Stars, The NRL Footy Show and Celebrity Apprentice and is an NRL correspondent for Channel Ten's Breakfast program. 2012 marks Sailor's third SSD after he played in 2009 and captained the Town XI team against Adam Gilchrist's Gown XI in 2011.

Gown XI - Ben Creagh



Rugby league favourite Ben Creagh is a star second-row player with the St George Illawarra Dragons as well as an Australian international and NSW State of Origin representative. Creagh is studying Commerce at UOW and

is an ambassador for the In2Uni Program and co-founder of the Athlete Education Foundation, which encourages NRL players to pursue higher education qualifications. Creagh will captain the Gown XI team in the celebrity match, going head to head with Wendell Sailor's Town XI.

THE PLAYERS

Here are profiles of some of the players involved in Sunday's Stumping Series Diseases matches:

ALL STAR CRICKETERS

Brian Lara



Regarded as one of the greatest batsmen of all time, Brian Lara is a former West Indies international player who holds many cricketing records, including the record for the highest individual score in first-class cricket. Lara, nicknamed 'The Prince', also holds the record for the highest individual score in a Test innings after scoring 400 not out against England in Antigua in 2004. He was awarded the Wisden

Leading Cricketer in the World awards in 1994 and 1995 and is one of only three cricketers to receive the prestigious BBC Overseas Sports Personality of the Year accolade. Lara is the star of successful video game series Brian Lara Cricket, was appointed an honorary member of the Order of Australia in 2009 and was inducted into the ICC's Hall of Fame in 2012.

Michael Bevan

Michael Bevan is a former Australian left-handed batsman and slow left arm chinaman bowler. He played 232 One Day International matches for the country and was part of the World Cup winning teams of 1999 and 2003. Bevan holds the world record ODI batting average for retired players of 53.58. He played most of his domestic career for the NSW Blues, moving to the Tasmanian Tigers for the 2004-05 season where he continued his success until his retirement in January 2007.

Damien Martyn

Damien Martyn played for the Australian team between 1992-94 before becoming a regular One Day International player in 1999-2000 and a regular Test player in 2001 until his retirement in 2006. He was named Man of the Series in the Border Gavaskar Trophy in 2004 and helped Australia defeat India on the subcontinent for the first time in more than 30 years. He was also named Australian Test Player of the Year in 2005 at the annual Allan Border Medal presentations.

Carl Hooper

Carl Hooper is returning to SSD in 2012 after playing in the 2011 event. He represented the West Indian cricket team for 21 years as a player and a captain. Hooper holds the accolade of being the first cricketer in the world to have scored 5000 runs, taken 100 wickets, held 100 catches and received 100 caps in both One Day Internationals and Tests. He was named coach for Adelaide's Woodville District Cricket Club for the 2010/11 and 2011/12 seasons and has been appointed as batting coach for the Sagcor High Performance Centre to train their talent pool of young West Indian batsmen.

Graeme Hick

Graeme Hick is a Rhodesian-born cricketer who played 65 Test matches and 120 One Day Internationals for England. He played county cricket for Worcestershire for his entire English domestic career and in 2008 surpassed Graham Gooch's record for the most matches in all forms of the game combined. Hick was named a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in the 2009 Queen's Birthday Honours.

Rod Marsh

Australian cricket great Rod Marsh had a Test career which

spanned from 1970-1984. The wicket-keeper was known for his playing partnership with bowler Dennis Lillee and set a world record of 355 wicket-keeping dismissals, the same number Lillee achieved with the ball. The pair were known for their bowler-wicket-keeper partnership, which yielded 95 Test wickets, a record for any such combination. Marsh and Lillee made their debuts and retired together, with Wisden stating that "few partnerships between bowler and wicket-keeper have had so profound an impact on the game."

Waqar Younis

The former Pakistani right arm fast bowler is widely regarded as one of the greatest bowlers of all time. He played 87 Tests and 262 One Day International matches for the country between 1989 and 2003. Waqar Younis has the best strike rate for any bowler with over 350 Test wickets. Now living in Australia, Younis has worked as a television sports commentator for the Nine Network in Australia and for Ten Sports in the United Arab Emirates.

CELEBRITY PLAYERS

Quade Cooper

With his extraordinary skills, creativity and sensational athleticism, Quade Cooper is one of the best and most entertaining players in rugby union. Cooper plays for the Wallabies and the Queensland Reds. He moved from New Zealand to Australia at 13 and became one of three young players to break the record for most Australian schoolboy caps. He made his international debut against Italy in 2010, scoring the winning try in a 30-20 win. He was awarded the 2010 Super 14 Player of the Year Award and has signed a three year deal to stay with the Reds through to 2015.

James O'Connor

At just 22, James O'Connor is a rugby union superstar. O'Connor plays for the Wallabies and the Melbourne Rebels. He became the youngest ever Super Rugby debutant at age 17 when he came off the bench for the Western Force against the Queensland Reds. In 2008, during his Australian debut, O'Connor scored three tries and helped Australia beat Italy 31-8, he was then named as the Wallabies' Rookie of the Year at the 2009 John Eales Medal dinner. O'Connor commenced a two year contract with the Melbourne Rebels in 2012.

Steve Peacocke

Best known for his role as Darryl 'Brax' Braxton - the eldest and most revered of the Braxton brothers on Home and Away, Steve Peacocke is one of Australia's best young TV stars. He won the 2012 Logie Award for Most Popular New Male Talent for his role on Home and Away and has also appeared in All Saints, Packed to the Rafters, Rake and films Suburban Mayhem and Burning Man.

Lauren Brant

Lauren Brant is a member of much-loved children's group Hi-5. She is a popular children's television actress, featuring in shows including Are We There Yet? H2O: Just Add Water and Mortified. She has also had parts in The Starter Wife and The Strip and has been in stage productions Flat Tops, The Wizard of Oz, The Ian Moss Concert, The Buddy Holly Musical, The Humphrey Bear Show and Mercury Wing's production of Shakespeare's Much Ado About Northing.

Nikki Hudson

Nikki is an Australian hockey sensation and the first woman to play 300 games for the country. The captain of the Hockeyroos until her retirement in 2009, she led the team to their gold medal win at the Sydney 2000 Olympics and has since appeared as a hockey commentator on channels OneHD and TEN. Hudson is returning for her second SSD after playing in 2011. ■



'UOW'S ANNUAL STUMPING SERIOUS DISEASES CRICKET EVENT IS A GREAT WAY FOR THE UNIVERSITY AND THE COMMUNITY TO COME TOGETHER TO SUPPORT THE IMPORTANT WORK OF THE UNIVERSITY'S HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCHERS. THIS YEAR'S EVENT WILL INCLUDE A FOCUS ON CHILDREN'S HEALTH - PARTICULARLY THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FIRST LOCALLY-BASED PROFESSOR OF PAEDIATRICS WHO WILL LEAD THE FIGHT TO IMPROVE MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE REGION'S CHILDREN.'



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ON THE DAY

SSD 2012 on Sunday will feature two Twenty20 matches: a celebrity game and an international all star clash.

The celebrity game will see sporting and entertainment industry stars go head to head as Wendell Sailor's Town XI takes on Ben Creagh's Gown XI.

The international all stars will then take over as Adam Gilchrist's UOW XI and Sir Vivian Richard's Bradman World XI play a match involving some of the biggest names in the history of cricket.

The event will be held from 11am-6pm on the University of Wollongong's main oval.

EVENT PROGRAM

- 11:00am:** Gates open
- 11:20am:** UOW Vice-Chancellor Professor Paul Wellings conducts the coin toss with the celebrity captains on the UOW Oval.
- 11:30am:** Celebrity match begins. Wendell Sailor's Town XI v Ben Creagh's Gown XI
- 2:30pm:** International all-star match begins. Adam Gilchrist's UOW XI v Sir Vivian Richard's Bradman World XI.
- 6:00pm:** Event close

TICKETS

You can support UOW's health and medical research by joining us at SSD2012 on Sunday. Tickets are available on our website: www.uow.edu.au/ssd

Two categories of tickets are available: VIP and general admission (\$20).

VIP tickets include entry to the exclusive VIP area, the chance to network with other VIPs, international and celebrity players, complimentary food and beverage service and complimentary parking.

General admission ticket holders can enjoy the games in the general admission section. Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be available to purchase on the day, or bring your own picnic lunch to enjoy with the family.

NOTE: Children aged three years and under will have free entry when accompanied by a paying adult.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

* Photos and video images from the day may be used by UOW and controlled entities in future promotional material.

Information on UOW's privacy policy is available at www.uow.edu.au

* No alcohol will be sold, available or permitted in the general admission section.

* By accepting or purchasing your ticket, you agree to the above conditions of entry.



MEDICAL RESEARCH AT UOW

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WE ALL KNOW SOMEONE

who has been affected by a serious disease such as cancer, diabetes or mental health issues. These conditions cause a great amount of suffering for both individuals and families, restricting the lives and wellbeing of all affected.

The University of Wollongong is committed to improving the health of all people in the Illawarra and beyond through extensive research into the causes and treatment of serious diseases.

Much of the University's research in this field is conducted at the state of the art Illawarra Health and Medical Research Institute (IHMRI) on the main campus. IHMRI is a joint initiative of the University and the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District.

UOW Pro Vice-Chancellor (Health) and IHMRI Executive Director Professor Don Iverson says: "IHMRI provides a unique opportunity to combine the talents of academic researchers, local clinicians and public health workers to conduct research with real potential to improve the lives of people living in the Illawarra and beyond."

Funds raised by Stumping Serious Diseases 2012 will assist vital health and medical research at UOW, in particular local children's health.

OUR KEY RESEARCH INCLUDES:

Local children's health:

SSD 2012 will support research into local children's health, educating the next generation of medical professionals and through the appointment of a Professor in Paediatrics.

At least 90% of care for paediatric cases could be managed locally, however, this is currently impossible. The appointment of an internationally recognised Professor in Paediatrics would reduce the burden currently placed on families who need to travel to Sydney on an ongoing basis to receive the needed diagnosis and treatment.

Cancer:

Our research ranges from designing new drugs to treat cancer and reduce the debilitating side-effects of chemotherapy, to developing revolutionary radiation therapies to attack tumours and creating educational programs to reduce the risk of melanoma and other skin cancers in adolescents.

Healthy ageing:

Our studies span the causes and treatment of certain age-related conditions which include undernutrition, cognitive performance and mobility and falls protection.

Metabolic conditions:

Our research has a strong focus on diabetes and obesity. Examples include the effects of certain foods on weight loss and management, the contribution of genes to the development of diabetes and the effect of diet and exercise on mothers who develop gestational diabetes.

Neuroscience and mental health:

Our research ranges from investigating changes in the brain cells of people with schizophrenia and neurological disorders to developing treatments for potentially serious mental health conditions and devising strategies to improve cognitive and emotional performance.

OUR RESEARCH OUTCOMES INCLUDE:

Bionic spines and artificial limbs:

Bionic spines and artificial limbs are evolving from UOW research into intelligent polymers and nano structures. Led by Intelligent Polymer Research Institute Director Professor Gordon Wallace, a team of biologists, clinicians, chemists, physicists and engineers are working with several commercial partners and research institutions in the US, Japan, Korea, China, Ireland and the United Kingdom. Acclaimed for their nanotechnology research, the future biomedical application of this work is exciting and may offer new therapies for conditions once thought to be 'incurable'.

Developing better cancer treatments:

For Professor Anatoly Rozenfeld, developing better treatments for cancer sufferers is a very personal quest. Both his parents died from cancer, his mother when he was only 10 years old. Over the past 18 years, Professor Rozenfeld and his team of researchers at the Centre for Medical Radiation Physics have facilitated the introduction of radiation oncology and nuclear medicine, particularly proton therapy, working in close collaboration with cancer centres in the United States and Australia.

Protecting young people's health:

Research by UOW's Professor Sandra Jones into the influence of mass media on health behaviours and the marketing of alcohol specifically targeting young people has garnered international attention. Today, Professor Jones heads UOW's Centre for Health Initiatives and is considered an international expert in the potentially negative impacts of marketing on health and social welfare. UOW research in this area has informed government reviews and public policy. ■



1. UOW Pro Vice-Chancellor (Health) Professor Don Iverson
2. Centre for Medical Radiation Physics Director professor Anatoly Rozenfeld
3. Intelligent Polymer Research Institute Director Professor Gordon Wallace
4. Centre for Health Initiatives Director professor Sandra Jones
5. Medical students at UOW's Graduate School of Medicine
6. Medical researchers at the Illawarra Health and Medical Research Institute.