

Victorian Bushrangers to play 'blind cricket' at the National Sports Museum

Some of the dominant Victorian Bushrangers' hottest stars will visit the National Sports Museum to participate in the museum's "Summer of Cricket" holiday activities this week.

One-time Test players **Brad Hodge** and **Chris Rogers** will headline a group of Bushrangers regulars, including batsman **Rob Quiney** and fast bowlers **Shane Harwood**, **Clint McKay**, **Damien Wright** and **James Pattinson**, who will meet and greet cricket fans in the museum's *Backyard to Baggy Green* exhibition this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (times below).

They will also participate in the museum's "blind cricket" activity, offering visitors the opportunity to find out what it takes to play the game the elite way – but this time using all their other senses.

The visit is part of the museum's holiday program, *Backyard to Baggy Green – A Summer of Cricket at the NSM*, being held from January 5-23 (non-event weekdays, excludes Jan 16).

Museum visitors can explore a vast collection of cricket material and see first-hand the baggy green caps worn by **Don Bradman**, **Greg Chappell**, **Allan Border**, **Bill Ponsford** and many other Australian Test cricketers.

The museum is also displaying former Australian fast bowler **Glenn McGrath's** baggy green and museum visitors can make a donation to the Jane McGrath Foundation. They can also see **Shane Warne** in 3D inside the museum's new attraction, *Cricket Found Me*, which uses the latest in simulated hologram technology to bring 'Warnie' to life.

Plus, there are a range of activities for young cricket fans. Kids are invited to create a "Sensational Spinner" phenakistoscope, do a cricket-mania colouring in, test their decision making skills against the third umpire and a range of other activities.

In addition, special cricket-themed MCG tours will take visitors into the changerooms that the Australian teams call home – and even onto the hallowed turf (non-event days).

What: Meet a Victorian Bushranger at the National Sports Museum

When: Tues Jan 13 at 11.30am (Rob Quiney and Clint McKay)

Wed Jan 14 at 1.45pm (Brad Hodge and Damien Wright)

Thurs Jan 15 at 11.30am (Shane Harwood, James Pattinson and Chris Rogers)

Where: Gate 3, Olympic Stand, MCG

Further details, including parking and transport, are available at www.nsm.org.au

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