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TEAM INFORMATION





THE WILLOWFEST AUSTRALIAN CRICKET CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS is an annual event held in the **beautiful rural city of Mildura** nestled on the banks of the majestic Murray River, in north west Victoria.

2016 marks Willowfest's 39th year!

Cricket Clubs will be competing for in excess of \$10,000 in prize money.

The Championships which have been running for 38 years, are conducted between the 27th and 30th December. Cricket teams from all over Australia come to the vibrant holiday mecca of Mildura to enjoy the summer weather, play cricket on first class facilities and vie for the largest prize money purse offered for a Carnival of this type in Australia.

With its fantastic summer holiday weather, Mildura is a buzz between Boxing Day And New Years Day. There a wide range of attractions, such as wineries, golf courses, paddleboat cruises, restaurants, sporting events such as the harness racing meeting and a day/night cricket match and social events which revolve around the Mildura Workingman's Club, the hub of the Championships and the Langtree Avenue Feast Street, the entertainment heart of the region.

With all these activities there is plenty to do, not only for the players but their families too.

Get your team together and play in one of 5 grades on some of the best grounds in the state - there really is a competition for everyone.

Take part in a great range of events throughout the championships – fun for the whole family or for a week away with mates.

Enjoy everything that Mildura has to offer – food, wine, shopping, houseboats, natural attractions and of course, the mighty Murray River.

Win big prize money just by playing or by taking on other players in the famous Tankard **Dental Willowfest Whack or Willowfest Express competitions.**

PLUS! Take part in the first cricket competition world wide to count each run backwards Towards Zero



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TURF



The Championships are conducted over four days. Teams are graded into divisions and compete in 4 one day 30 over per side matches.

1st Prize - \$750 2nd - \$250 3rd - \$150

Entrance fee - \$600 per team Deposit - \$100

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Note: prize money may alter depending on the total Number of teams who enter each competition

"I'm really looking forward to getting up to Mildura and meeting everyone at Willowfest where we have a common love of cricket." - Kim Hughes - 2016 Towards Zero Willowfest Ambassador

Competitions

The Championships are conducted over four days. Teams are graded into divisions and compete in 3 one day 50 over per side matches and two 20/20 over matches on one day.

Cup Grade

1st Prize - \$2,500 2nd - \$1,500

B Grade

1st Prize - \$700 2nd Prize - \$250 3rd Prize \$150

Entrance fee - \$600 per team Deposit - \$100

A Grade

2nd - \$1,000 3rd - \$250

1st Prize - \$1,000

WOMENS



The T20 Competiton is conducted over four days. Teams are graded into divisions and compete in 4 x T20 matches - one game per day.

Introduced in 2013, the T20 competition is perfect for beginners or cricketers looking for a quick social game, leaving you more time to explore Mildura.

1st Prize - \$500 2nd - \$250

Entrance fee - \$250 per team Deposit - \$50



Events



Each year Willowfest goes in search of the biggest wacker in the country (as seen on Channel 9's Cricket Show).

Each whacker can enter at a cost of \$10 per entry. The event is conducted at the fantasitc facilities of Mildura Senior College in Deakin Ave.

Mens 1st Prize - \$500 Womens 1st Prize - \$500

WILLOWFEST WHACK



RENEGADES LIVE SITE



Join in a free fun family night in Mildura's fantastic summer weather. The new Willowfest BBL Live site will see the Melbourne Renegades play the Perth Scorchers on the big screen, live from Etihad Stadium. Better still, it will be straight after the Willowfest Whack!

Sledge the Renegades mascot will be in attendance, as well as Cricket Victoria staff to run fun cricket activities and give away heaps of Renegades gear!

WILLOWFEST EXPRESS



Each year Willowfest goes in search of the fastest bowler in the competition.

Each bowler can enter at a cost of \$10 per entry. The event is conducted at the fantastic facilities at Mildura Senior College in Deakin Ave.

Mens 1st Prize - \$500 Womens 1st Prize - \$500

Junior cricketers aged 10 to 17 are invited to take part in the free Willowfest junior clinic.

Conducted by Cricket Victoria and the 2016 Willowfest Ambassador courtesy of the Australian Cricketers Association, junior cricketers can come along for a bit of expert coaching or just a bit of fun.

Junior coaches are also welcome to come and listen to the Willowfest Ambassador and even pick up a new drill or two.

JUNIOR CLINIC



Take the time out to enjoy what the Mildura region has to offer.

Enjoy everything that Mildura has to offer – food, wine, shopping, houseboats, natural attractions and of course, the mighty Murray River.

Fore more information on the Mildura region, and for special deals, visit **www.visitmildura.com.au**

PRESENTATION DINNER



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Teams managers are also required to register their team and attend a pre-championship briefing at 6:00pm on Boxing Day at the Mildura Workingman's Club

Events



EXPLORE MILDURA



Come along and enjoy some country hospitality as the awards from the week are handed out. You will also hear from Kim Hughes - the 2016 Towards Zero Willowfest Ambassador.

Hosted by the legendary Bill Sauer, this night is a great way to end the championships and swap stories with new and old mates.



1. Get your team together

Your team can be compiled from an existing club, association or even a group of mates. Just remember each team must field 11 players and wear standard cricket whites or a Willowfest approved uniform each of the 4 days of play. Sorry - shorts can't be worn in the Turf competition.

Each team requires a person to act as team manager and it is recommended that each team bring a competent scorer. Other than that it's really up to you - bring your mates, cricketers old and new.

2. Work out how you're getting to Mildura

You can drive, fly or get a ride to Mildura no matter where you're coming from. Head on over to www.visitmildura.com.au for information and some great deals.

Make sure you travel safe - because there's no one someone won't miss www.towardszero.vic.gov.au



3. Book some accommodation

There are many great options when it comes to staying in sunny Mildura, like our sponsors the Quality Hotel Mildura Grand. Visit the Willowfest website for more accommodation options recommended by the Willowfest committee.

4. Register your team

Register your team at the Willowfest website, where you can also pay your deposit or registration in full.

5. Register for Willowfest events

While you're registering your team, register for the great Willowfest events on whle you're here.

6. Plan other stuff to do while in Mildura

Not enough for you to do? Then visit www.visitmildura.com.au/attractions.aspx and www.visitmildura.com.au/foodandwind.aspx

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TOURISM







Other ways to get involved

Are you...

- a qualified umpire?

- available during 27th - 30th December?

... then apply to umpire at Willowfest for 2016. You'll get paid, make new friends and have a great time. Just head to www.willowfest.com.au to apply.



WILLOWFEST IS GOING INTERNATIONAL

"I absolutely love India. The culture and history is amazing. And best of all they love their cricket." -Kim Hughes, 2016 Towards Zero Willowfest Ambassador



Willowfest isn't just for Aussies - this year we're going global!

He enjoyed it so much last year (and picked up a few awards at the presentation dinner!) so he's going to sing Willowfest's praises to Indian teams wanting to travel to Mildura for some fun by the river.

- able to be in Mildura for Willowfest?
- keen to have fun umpiring in a unique cricket competition?

Players in India can now contact our new India Willowfest Ambassador - Baljinder.

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