

John Buchanan

Australian Cricket Team Coach (1999 - 2007)

John Buchanan coached Australia to one of the most successful periods in the team's history, including a record winning streak of 16 consecutive Tests and the 2003 World Cup.

In addition to being an innovative coach, John is an academic, with a degree in Human Movements, a teaching diploma and a Master of Arts in Sports Administration from Alberta University in Canada.

John's education influenced his coaching style, which was vastly different to those used by cricket coaches for generations. He was the first coach to use computer analysis of every ball bowled and adapts ideas on movement and motivation from other sports.



Since retiring from coaching, John Buchanan has transferred his uniquely innovative coaching and leadership strategies from the cricket pitch to the corporate arena.

More about John Buchanan:

John Buchanan began his cricket career playing for the University Club in Brisbane. He went on to represent Queensland in seven Sheffield Shield matches between 1978-1979, scoring 160 runs in 13 visits to the crease, with a top score of 41 against NSW. John was also a professional cricketer with Oldham in the Central Lancashire League.

John first achieved acclaim as the coach for the Queensland Bulls for five years from 1994. Under his direction the team broke an incredible drought, winning their first Sheffield Shield.

Indeed, during his time as coach, the Queensland Bulls won the Sheffield Shield and the Mercantile Mutual Cup twice.

John became the Australian Cricket Team coach in 1999 and over the next eight years led the team to a world record of 16 straight Test Match victories, an unprecedented 29 undefeated World Cup matches including three final wins, and 14 consecutive One-Day International victories. During this time the Australian Cricket Team were the World Cup Champions, Test Cricket World Champions and holders of The Ashes.

These victories make John the most successful coach in cricket history with a winning record of 76.9% in Test Matches and 74.07% in One Day Internationals. John's winning record is higher than the most famous coaches in sports history - Phil Jackson (Chicago Bulls Basketball coach during the Michael Jordan era) - winning ratio = 72.5% and Vince Lombardi (NFL's former Green Bay Packers coach) - winning ratio = 71.9%.

In May 2007, John retired as Australian Coach to focus on speaking to corporate audiences and mentor coaching to elite coaches and sportsmen across all sports.

In addition to coaching cricket, John Buchanan has held positions as the Sports Coordinator of the XII Commonwealth Games, National Director of the Volleyball Federation and was Manager - Sports Development at the Department of Tourism, Sports and Racing. He authored the book *If Better Is Possible*.

John Buchanan speaks about:

John Buchanan uses his coaching expertise and innovative methodologies, combined with lengthy experience dealing with various business sectors including mining, finance, car, accounting & consulting to design a program to meet individual team needs. His programs aim to achieve high performing teams through a process of leadership culture by demonstrating how to:

- Coach leaders
- Lead and manage elite performers
- Deal with star performers
- Maintain success
- Motivate people
- Recognise and deal with slumps in performance
- Change your ways to meet the expectations of customers, your environment and shareholders

Client testimonials

“ Terrific success last night. Could not have gone any better. Thanks for your outstanding effort as MC and the professional yet easy manner in which you graced the occasion.

- *Griffith University*

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