

# Damien Fleming

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## ***Australian Cricketing Legend and Media Personality***

Damien William Fleming is an Australian cricket commentator and former Australian fast bowler. He played for the Australian national team and domestic cricket for Victoria.

Damien is also the mastermind of 'Bowlology' – a program built on the science of maximising the physical, mental and emotional capabilities of a bowler.

A refreshing and entertaining speaker, Damien draws on his years playing Test Cricket for Australia and working in a strong team environment. During his presentations, he weaves humorous anecdotes together with strong motivational and leadership messages which easily translate into business and personal situations.



### ***More about Damien Fleming:***

Damien Fleming played in 20 Tests and 88 ODIs from 1994 to 2001 in an all-conquering Australian cricket team breaking Test and One day records and winning World Cups. He was recognised as an expert in the art of swing bowling and is one of only three men (along with Maurice Allom and Peter Petherick) to have taken a hat-trick on Test debut.

In ODI's Damien was seen as a specialist bowling in the latter overs. He was the last-over specialist in both the 1996 and 1999 World Cup Semi-Finals. In 1996 at Mohali with the West Indies needing six runs to win off five balls, Damien Fleming bowled Courtney Walsh for victory. In 1999 at Edgbaston, with South Africa requiring one run with four balls remaining, it took an Allan Donald brain-fade to send Australia into the final. Damien Fleming helped Australia get over the line on both occasions.

Following his retirement in 2003 Damien was appointed head coach at the Australian Cricket Academy. It was around this time that the beginnings of his Bowlology theory began to take shape.

Damien's work in commentating has included television and radio. He has commentated with the Seven Network TV cricket team, and Channel 10's award winning *Big Bash* and *BT Sports Ashes* coverage teams. He was a member of the SEN 1116 radio commentary team in 2016, and during the same year released a best-selling book *Bowlology - Stories from the Avenue of Apprehension*,

a collection of humorous stories based around his life in cricket.

Damien began to make regular appearances during the fourth season of *Thank God You're Here* where he parodied the prevalence of sportsperson's (notably cricketers) endorsing anything in the Australian media. He appeared also on *Before the Bounce* with Jason Dunstall and Danny Frawley, a weekly AFL football show broadcast on Foxtel.

Today, he is a popular and humorous figure on the public speaking circuit. Regular questions are asked of the last over he bowled in the 1999 semi-final tie against South Africa and that dropped catch by Shane Warne which denied him his second hat-trick.

## Client testimonials

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“ Just a short note to thank you so much for your great contribution to our Customer Golf Day @ Southern Golf Course. Aside from your very entertaining talk, we really appreciated the warm & friendly manner in which you carried yourself with our guests, they all loved listening to funny stories & were thrilled to have the opportunity to come up & have a chat after your talk.

- *Visy*

“ Not only did Damien treat our engagement as a professional outing, he made time to understand our audience, the context and key messages and he was well prepared and came across a slick and professional. He does an excellent job of enhancing his offering to the audience by way of his approachability, professionalism, preparedness & commitment of time - he is also very personable and engaging.

- *Tenix*

“ Damien brought a fresh perspective to the topic, offering interesting and insightful comments on the world of cricket and business, drawing on his World Cup and Test experience and his coaching background. His warmth, humour and pacy presentation style kept our guests entertained and attentive.

- *Vanguard Investments Australia*

“ Fantastic delivery last night! Many thanks for making the night such a resounding success.

- *MCC XXIX Club*

“ Damien Fleming was a bright, bubbly and entertaining speaker at our NECA Excellence Industry Awards Function. He is easy to deal with, polite, punctual, funny and knows his 80s music as well as a cricket story or two. Perfect for a mix of business and sporting themes.

- NECA

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