

## Brad Hogg

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### ***Former Australian Test & One Day International Cricketer, Star BBL Player and Speaker***

Born in Narrogin Brad grew up on a farm near Williams (W.A.) and is a former pupil of Aquinas College, Perth. He made his first class cricket and domestic limited overs debut for Western Australian in February 1994. He was primarily a left arm wrist spinner (chinaman) bowler and a capable lower order left-hand batsman and excellent fielder.



When Brad commenced his first class career as a batsman at the age of 23 he had never bowled a 'Chinaman' delivery. Asked to bowl 'Chinamen' deliveries in the nets on his first appearance for W.A, due to the New South Wales selection of a 'Chinaman' bowler Fred Freedman, it instantly became apparent that there was an opportunity to add an extra dimension to his game.

Brad made his mark in the Australian One Day team replacing Shane Warne in 2003. He also represented Australia touring Sri Lanka and India in 1996, and then spent seven years in the wilderness, before returning to the team in 2003. No other Australian player has waited so long between matches.

Brad is the seventh most successful One Day bowler for Australia and in the 2003 and 2007 World Cups was second only to Muralitharan as the most successful spin bowler. During 2007 World Cup Brad beat Andrew Flintoff (England) with two consecutive 'Wrong Uns' with the second delivery resulting in Flintoff being given out stumped. As a member of Australia's victorious 2003 and 2007 World Cup teams he is one of only 15 players to have won the Cup more than once.

Brad played in 123 One Day Internationals and 7 test matches for Australia, with the highlight being the 'flipper' that bowled Andy Flower in the 2003 World Cup game against Zimbabwe. In his book *Walking to Victory* Adam Gilchrist described it as "one of the balls of the tournament. Brad also represented Western Australia from 1994 to 2008 and spent a season with Warwickshire in the 2004 County season in which they won the championship.

Brad enjoys every moment of his cricketing career, having a beaming grin from ear to ear every time he was on the field. An excitable and likeable character, Brad finds it hard to stay quiet or sit down for more than 30 seconds seeing the humorous side in the majority of instances, hence known as the "Pest" in the change rooms.

At age 40 he made a comeback to cricket in 2011 when he was asked to join Perth's new Big Bash team Perth Scorchers. He instantly became something of a cult hero at the WACA with crowds chanting 'Hoggie, Hoggie' every time he took another wicket or touched the ball. His stunning

return to cricket helped the Scorchers win the BBL league for three successive years and earn the team a place in the Champions League Twenty 20 Tournament in India. His stunning performances also caught the attention of Australian cricket officials and he was selected to play for Australia in the 2012 Twenty 20 squad. Rarely has a player retired from playing cricket, been out of the game for three years, and then regained a place in the Australian team.

Brad is also a much sought after speaker for corporate and sporting events and his presentations 'Enjoy the Challenge' and 'Cricket, A Lesson for Life' will motivate, inspire and entertain any audience.

### **Brad Hogg talks about:**

#### **Keynotes:**

**'Not.Done.Yet'** - A great yarn. Childhood, from wheat and sheep farming who dreams of a Baggy Green.

**'Candidly Speaking'** - His mental health journey, path to self destruction, only to rise again to glory.

#### **Comedy Keynotes:**

**GAG ORDER:** offers a bit of everything, Australia-centric with lots of Australian Team antics.

**IN-CONTINENT:** set in the International Cricket Scene. The 'while away from home' stuff, big names and games.

### **Client testimonials**

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“ At previous events we found it was difficult to hold the crowd's attention but I was thrilled to hear not a single sound in the room while Brad was up on stage. Hoggy was hilarious and utterly credible with his brave self-reflection. He even stayed around mingling with the guests taking pics and signing things so that was extra wonderful.

- *Carlton United Breweries*

“ A huge thank you to Brad for his amazing speech on Saturday... He was honestly one of the best presenters I have ever seen -captivating, even for people like me who are just starting to get into cricket. My cheeks hurt from smiling so much! And the take home of having to work really hard, not letting fear hold you back and never giving up, really struck a chord. Everyone loved him! We feel extremely privileged that he chose to support us.

**- Variety WA**

“ Brad is awesome - very comfortable in the public eye, talking and meeting lots of people. He has so many cricket stories and knows how to tell a great yarn which had everyone glued to their seats. He is very open about his experiences in his journey through life. He was also very accommodating with his speech, signing autographs and mingling - and even had an impromptu game of indoor cricket, followed with a session of bowling! The residents were thrilled. Brad brought special memorabilia which guests were able to have photos with, and he even made phone videos to residents children. What a great guy - really happy with his visit!!.

**- Wheatstone Minesite**

“ Brad Hogg was a fantastic polished entertainer for our Conference. He is a champion sportsman with a devilish humour streak in him. Had us all laughing from the very start. Would certainly have him back again!!

**- WA Police Union Annual Conference**

“ Brad is a very warm and friendly man who relates very easily with all ages of young people, quickly establishing common ground with groups and individuals. You would have thought he had been studying some of our literature as he captured and relayed some very useful messages to the groups. It was a fantastic experience.

**- Midwest Region, Catholic Education Office**

“ Just wanted to drop you a short note to thank Brad Hogg for his contribution to our annual conference. The feedback from our staff raved about his sometimes hilarious but always entertaining use of cricket stories. Inspirational indeed

**- Finkelstein Hickmott Annual Conference**

“ Brad was a fantastic after dinner speaker, really great!

**- Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia (Inc) Annual Charity Dinner**

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