

## **Mark Taylor AO**

## Former Australian Cricket Captain

Mark Taylor is widely considered Australia's finest modern-day cricket captain and is now Channel Nine cricket commentator and keynote presenter.

Thirty years ago, Mark Taylor, a young New South Wales opener, defied expectations on his debut Ashes tour of England, scoring a remarkable 136 runs in his first innings at Headingley. Despite being overlooked by bookmakers, Mark's stellar performance led Australia to victory in the series, with him amassing 839 runs overall, second only to Don Bradman in an Ashes series. His achievements serve as a reminder that success is possible against all odds.



Retiring in 1999, Mark left behind a legacy as one of Australia's greatest captains, earning praise from Wisden as the "greatest modern-day captain." Under his leadership, Australia dominated Test cricket, with Mark himself achieving milestones like his record-equalling 334 not out against Pakistan. He played 104 Tests, captaining 50, and was renowned for his slip fielding.

Beyond cricket, Mark was recognised for his contributions to cancer research fundraising and community service, receiving honours such as the Order of Australia and induction into various sports Halls of Fame. He continued his involvement in cricket through board positions and media roles, providing insights and expertise as a commentator and facilitator across the Nine Network and Sky Sports in the U.K.

Mark has also gained tremendous acclaim as a well-versed and in-demand MC, Presenter, and Keynote speaker, specialising in corporate events, both small and large.

## Client testimonials

"Mark was hands down the best conference dinner from the sporting realm we have engaged to date. His passion and enthusiasm for cricket and life in general was well received by all regardless of sporting preference or nationality. He was extremely generous after this speech interacting with attendees. He hit his conference dinner speech for a six!



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