



Friday 20 October

Women's Ashes launch ABC Grandstand's summer of cricket

This summer ABC Grandstand will bring you radio's best ball-by-ball action of both the Women's and Men's Ashes cricket, live and commercial free.

When the 'Old Enemy' hits Australian shores this year, ABC Radio is committed to bring audiences all the action live on radio across the summer of international cricket.

The Women's Ashes begins this Sunday and the match will be live from Brisbane's Allan Border Field on local ABC Radio and DAB+ Grandstand Digital radio from 10am. The voice of summer, Jim Maxwell, is back in the commentary box and will be joined by a team of experts and commentators, including former Australian players Lisa Sthalekar and Mel Jones.

Nick Morris ABC head of Sport says "It's going to be a really exciting summer of cricket, both on the field and for those listening via the radio. I am really delighted by our commitment to broadcast every match of the Women's Ashes, which this year sees the top two teams in the world competing for the number one spot."

"I'm also delighted to announce we have created a partnership with the *Ladies Who Legspin* podcast, who will bring our audiences their unique take on women's cricket throughout the Women's Ashes and WBBL."

Ladies Who Legspin hosted by Mary Konstantopoulos and Brittany Carter, will publish a new podcast each week across the season, with episode zero available this weekend. Download or subscribe via the ABC listen app, or from where you get your favourite podcasts.

The ABC has a proud history of cricket coverage extending back over 90 years. This summer Australian fans will have a feast of cricket to choose from, with commercial free coverage of every test match, ODI, T20 Internationals and both the WBBL and BBL finals.

Tune in to ABC Grandstand's coverage of the Australia v England Women's and Men's Ashes series on local ABC Radio and DAB+ Grandstand Digital radio. Please check local guides for more information.

For complete analysis and insights on the series visit the abc.net.au/grandstand and ABC Grandstand social media pages @abcgrandstand.

The Women's Ashes schedule

Game	Location	Date	AEDT
1 st ODI	Brisbane	22 October 2017	10:15 am
2 nd ODI	Coffs Harbour	26 October 2017	2:40 pm
3 rd ODI	Coffs Harbour	29 October 2017	10:15 am
Test (Day/Night)	North Sydney	9-12 November 2017	2:30 pm
1 st T20	North Sydney	17 November 2017	7:10 pm
2 nd T20	Canberra	19 November 2017	2:35 pm
3 rd T20	Canberra	19 November 2017	7:10pm

Coverage will start 15-25 minutes before play and end 15 minutes after play.

ABC Grandstand's coverage of the Men's Ashes starts 23 November.

Listen live: local ABC Radio, DAB+ Grandstand Digital radio and via the Cricket Australia App.

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