

MEDIA RELEASE

Less than a week to go until Lyrebird Foundation's International Women's Day cricket celebration

With less than a week until the bat hits the ball at Bradman Oval, the Lyrebird Foundation has announced the full list of players for its highly anticipated International Women's Day cricket match on Friday 13th March.

Lyrebird Foundation is committed to nurturing talent and creating opportunities for women to excel both on and off the field, with a particular focus on supporting women from Indigenous communities and developing nations.

The Foundation is hosting a powerful two-day celebration of women's cricket at Bradman Oval across two days, showcasing talent, diversity and opportunity within the women's game.

On Thursday March 12, the Lyrebird Invitation XI will take on the Barbarian XI, followed by the Lyrebird XI versus Ethan Indigenous XI on March 13. Together, the matches will celebrate excellence in women's cricket while reinforcing the importance of strong, inclusive development pathways for future generations.

The Lyrebird Foundation International Women's Day Gala Dinner will be held on Thursday 12th at the iconic Peppers Craigieburn which will feature inspiring conversation with leading voices from business, cricket and media including cricketers from Vanuatu, Afghanistan and the UAE, as well as Australian cricket legend Geoff Lawson who is on the Board of Lyrebird Foundation.

Presented in partnership with Western Sydney University and Ethan Indigenous, the event will raise vital funds for scholarships and development pathways empowering young women to pursue education, leadership and long-term careers in sport. Central to Lyrebird's mission is the establishment of an International Academy for Women's Cricket - a groundbreaking initiative creating pathways across playing, coaching, officiating and leadership.

The Lyrebird Foundation recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding

with Western Sydney University, with a central pillar of the partnership focused on the development of a Diploma-level course.

All funds raised through the International Women's Day Gala Dinner will directly support this important work.

The teams for the Lyrebird International Women's Day match are as follows:

LYREBIRD FOUNDATION XI

- Selina Solman (Vanuatu)
- Rachel Andrew (Vanuatu)
- Madison Eddie
- Shafiq Khan Noorzai (Afghanistan)
- Georgia Lovegrove
- Chaya Mughal (UAE)
- Natalia Egan
- Keisha Baldwin
- Jess Bramble
- Samantha Badgery
- Kelly Rowlings

ETHAN INDIGENOUS XI

- Maddy Spence (Wiradjuri)
- Kaity Spence (Wiradjuri)
- Clodagh Ryall (Kaurareg)
- Grace Abdy (Waanyi Ganggalida)
- Dimity Parton (Wiradjuri / Yuwaalaraay)
- Aimee Ravot (Wiradjuri)
- Taleha Ursulak (Dharawal)
- Zoe Fleming (Kamilaroi)
- Charlette Keeler (Kamilaroi)
- Sasha Croft (Gurindji)
- Roxsanne Van-Veen (Gundungurra)

Quotes attributable to Shaun Martyn, Chair of the Lyrebird Foundation (who is available for interview):

"International Women's Day is a powerful moment to reflect on progress, but more importantly, to invest in what comes next. Through this event, we're not just celebrating women's cricket - we're actively building pathways that give talented women the opportunity to lead, learn and thrive in the sport, on and off the field."

"Lyrebird's vision is about long-term impact. By combining education, elite development and leadership opportunities, we're creating a model that supports women from all backgrounds to reach their potential and shape the future of cricket."

Quotes attributable to cricketer Selenia Solman, Vanuatuan cricketer (who is available for interview):

"The Lyrebird Foundation is giving all players opportunities that are often hard to get. Not to just play but to further our education to secure a better future."

For more information and to purchase tickets for the event visit <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/lyrebird-international-womens-day-gala-dinner-tickets-1977223059396>

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About the Lyrebird Foundation

Based in Australia with a global reach, Lyrebird is at the forefront of transforming women's cricket, using sport to drive social change, promote gender equality, and empower women and girls from diverse backgrounds. Through advocacy, education and training, research, inclusivity and opportunity creation Lyrebird Foundation is proud to be levelling the playing field.

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