



## Brian Johnston

Brian Johnston was a celebrated fast bowler, as well as a dependable middle order batsman in a career spanning over 27 years.

Brian spent the first 15 years of his career in the Shepparton and Kyabram Cricket associations, winning multiple Cricketer of the Year, Bowling and batting awards, while also being named club champion three times.

After an unsuccessful debut for SS&A in the 1987/88 season, Brian moved to the WDCA, originally for Barnawartha, and then Belvoir Cricket Club in 1991.

At Barnawartha he won the WDCA batting award in his first year, then the First Grade Batting, Bowling and Cricketer of the Year awards in his second year for the club.

He and fellow Hall of Famer Jeff Butters created a fierce and sometimes unstoppable partnership, while Johnston also contributed regularly with the bat.

From 1990-99 He was a force in the WDCA as a powerful batsman, opening bowler and a Captain/Coach. Some of his WDCA highlights include:

- 768 runs in a season, including two hundreds, a 98 and a double hundred.
- 7/24 against Eskdale
- 6/35 against Bandiana
- 5/18 against Paragon
- 5/15 against Kiewa
- 106 against Bethanga 126 against Chiltern
- 110 against Barnawartha 100 against Kiewa

A personal high score of 207 against Yackandandah

Despite this illustrious career, Brian's greatest accomplishments in the sport of Cricket came from his representation for the Australian Deaf Cricket team against multiple international sides, most famously a "Deaf Ashes" in 1994, a five-test series against the Old Rival England, where Johnston excelled, collecting a career best 7/22 in the first Test to ensure an Australian victory.



His endeavours in the world of Deaf Cricket also saw him win the Batting and Bowling awards at the Australian Deaf Cricket Carnival, scoring 98 and taking 3/15 in the finals.

He also represented Victoria in the Centenary of Deaf Cricket, winning man of the match for his effervescent 128 and snaring 2/0 to provide Victoria the victory.

For his contribution to the sport of Cricket in this region, and his illustrious international career as a Deaf Cricketer, I would like to invite Brian along with Frank Mitchel to the stage.