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CELEBRATION TO MARK CANBERRA'S FIRST CRICKET TEST MATCH

Canberra's first ever cricket Test match will be celebrated at a charity breakfast convened by the Lord's Taverners ACT in partnership with Cricket ACT.

The event will be held on the morning of day one of the historic match – Friday, 1 February 2019 – within walking distance of Manuka Oval, at the Hotel Realm.

“The Lord's Taverners ACT is pleased to announce that in partnership with Cricket ACT, we are staging the inaugural Canberra Test Match Breakfast,” said Lord's Taverners ACT President, Ric Smith.

“All local cricket fans are looking forward to Australia playing Sri Lanka at Manuka Oval in February in Canberra's first ever Test match and the Lord's Taverners ACT is aiming to make the occasion even more memorable.

“The inaugural Canberra Test Match Breakfast will be on a much larger scale than our other events and on this basis, we are encouraging as many cricket fans as possible to attend as a pre-cursor to the first ball being bowled.

“The Lord's Taverners ACT is pleased that the Chief Minister, Mr Andrew Barr MLA, has accepted our invitation to be a principal guest.

“In addition to the Chief Minister, we are planning for a line-up of former cricket greats as speakers, on what promises to be an historic day for cricket in Canberra.

“You don't have to be a member of the Lord's Taverners to attend the inaugural Canberra Test Match Breakfast – any cricket enthusiast is able to purchase a ticket.”

The Acting Chief Executive Officer of Cricket ACT, Matthew Phelps, said the breakfast will be the perfect way to start your day at the cricket.

“The Manuka Test match is an historical moment for cricket in Canberra and we want to celebrate this with our cricketing community,” Mr Phelps said.

“We are pleased to partner with the Lord’s Taverners ACT to host this exclusive event and are excited to bring you an exciting line-up of guest speakers.”

Once the program for the inaugural Canberra Test Match Breakfast is confirmed, tickets will go on sale. Registrations of interest are now being taken by email (lordstavernersact@gmail.com) or via the website, www.lordstavernersact.org.au.

Funds raised at the inaugural Canberra Test Match Breakfast will go towards the work carried out by the Lord’s Taverners ACT supporting local young and disadvantaged cricketers and other athletes, and the continued development of grass-roots cricket in Canberra.

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The Lord’s Taverners ACT is a charity which is dedicated to helping young people play cricket and other sports when they might otherwise not have the opportunity to do so.