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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# **COUNTDOWN TO CRICKET CHARITY EVENT**

The final countdown is on to a major charity event to mark Canberra's first ever cricket Test match.

The inaugural Canberra Test Match Breakfast, which is being convened by the Lord's Taverners ACT and Cricket ACT, is taking place on Friday of next week (1 February) and ticket sales to the event are about to close.

“We have been delighted with the response to the inaugural Canberra Test Match Breakfast so far, with almost 300 people from the ACT, surrounding areas, interstate and overseas registered to attend,” said Lord's Taverners ACT President, Ric Smith.

“The deadline for bookings is in the coming days, so if you'd still like to book a ticket or a table, you will need to do so as quickly as possible.

“The breakfast will be held at the Hotel Realm – within walking distance of Manuka Oval – on the morning of day one of the historic Australia-Sri Lanka Test match, which makes for an outstanding day out.”

The following retired cricket champions will be interviewed by sports broadcaster Phil Lynch at the event:

- Mike Hussey;
- Kumar Sangakkara; and
- Belinda Clark AO.

The Chief Minister of the ACT, Mr Andrew Barr MLA, will also speak.

A number of superb prizes, including flights on SriLankan Airlines, will be up for grabs through a raffle and silent auction.

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.

Tickets to the event can be purchased through the Lord's Taverners ACT website, [www.lordstavernersact.org.au](http://www.lordstavernersact.org.au).

The Lord's Taverners wishes to acknowledge other supporters of the inaugural Canberra Test Match Breakfast, including Doma Hotels, Lanterne Rooms (Campbell), Thai Chiang Rai (Belconnen), Ottoman Cuisine (Barton), Banana Leaf (Kingston), SriLankan Airlines, Virgin Australia (in association with the Australian Parliament Sports Club), pro golfer Brendan Jones and the Canberra Wind Symphony.

There are a limited number of places for media representatives who wish to cover the event. Media representatives who wish to attend must register with the Lord's Taverners (+61 406 510 083, [canberra@lordstavernersact.org.au](mailto:canberra@lordstavernersact.org.au)) by no later than 6pm on Sunday (27 January).

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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.*