

## Ed Cowan Bio

**Ed Cowan** is an Australian Test cricketer who played for the British Universities, New South Wales (NSW), Tasmania, Oxford MCCU and Nottinghamshire teams. He is a left handed batsman.

### Cricket Career

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Ed attended Cranbrook School in Bellevue Hill where he played in the school 1st XI aged only 14, and scored 218 not out, and went on to the under-17 New South Wales championships. Whilst in Year 12 he was selected to play for the Australian under 19s side to tour Sri Lanka. He played for the University of Sydney Cricket Club and made his debut for NSW in 2005.

In 2009, he moved to Tasmania to join the Tasmanian Tigers where a successful season saw him score 225 vs South Australia in his first game at home. This was followed on by two other centuries at Bellerive Oval and a successful Ford Ranger Cup premiership. Ed was selected for Australia A in June 2010 to play Sri Lanka, where he scored a century in a convincing series win.

In 2011 Ed published a book, his diary of the 2010/2011 Sheffield Shield season entitled *In the Firing Line*.

He made his Test cricket debut for Australia in the 2011 Boxing Day Test against India. His selection followed a season in which, to that point, he had averaged 64.22 in first class matches. Against India he became the 18th Australian opening batsman to score a half-century (68) on debut. He played in all four Tests of the series, opening the batting with David Warner. Australia won the series 4–0; over the four Tests Ed scored 206 runs at an average of 34.33, including another half-century (74) in Perth.

His maiden Test century came on 12 November 2012. He was criticized after being unable to follow up with another century in the remaining tests against South Africa. He finished the series with 228 runs in five innings, these included the debut test ton and a half century in the last match at the WACA.

In 2015, Cowan decided that despite his recent good form, he would leave Tasmania and return to Sydney. Given the strength of the New South Wales team, it was plausible that Cowan would not get to play for them. He took the decision in order to spend more time with his family, who were shifting back to Sydney. "It is time to be a family man who plays cricket rather than a cricketer with a family. That is a very hard decision to make when cricket has been your number one priority for 15 years," Cowan told *Sydney Morning Herald*.

Ed has been an ambassador for Batting for Change since its inception in 2013. His work along with founder, Ryan Carters has enabled Batting for Change to raise over \$1 million since joining to support disadvantaged students from developing cricket-playing counties to complete tertiary education.