

Statement

The Hon Daniel Andrews MP
Premier



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STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF SHANE WARNE

Victoria has lost an icon. Australia has lost a legend. And the entire cricket world is mourning the loss of the King.

Shane Warne didn't just inspire a cricketing generation – he defined it.

He was born for the big occasion, and gave us irreplaceable MCG memories. The Ashes hat trick, his 700th wicket and calming Bay 13 in his trackies. His performance on the pitch drew us to the game that he cared so deeply for.

Nobody who saw Shane Warne play will ever forget him.

To us, he was the greatest – but to his family, he was so much more.

Our hearts are breaking for Shane's family and friends – and they are in the thoughts of all Victorians.

I have offered a State Funeral to his family so Victorians can pay tribute to his legacy and contribution to our state, community and country.

Rest in peace, Warnie.