



## **DRINKS - 5 MAY 2011**

Greg Matthews,

former NSW and Australian Test Cricketer

## Race Across America - Team 4 HIV Hope

Steven Berveling, barrister at Martin Place Chambers, is part of the 4-person team **Team4HIV Hope**, the first ever team with HIV+ riders and crew to compete in the Race Across America in June 2011.

The Race Across America is a 5,000km bicycle race from San Diego to Baltimore in about 7 days. We will race in relay format 24 hours per day, about 800km per day. The Race involves about 33,000metres of climbing, more than 3x Mt Everest. It is acknowledged as the toughest bicycle race in the world.

June 2011 is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Race, as well as the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first diagnoses of AIDS, so it is very timely that we can now enter the USA and the Race this year.



After a 12 month world-wide search, our Team consists of 1 cyclist from Australia and Canada and 2 from the USA. Three of our racers have HIV, as do many of our 14-person crew.

This is a huge undertaking, which we're doing for the following reasons:

- to reduce continued stigma and discrimination against persons living with HIV;
- to seek increased equitable access to the medications enabling people living with HIV to live life!, and
- to be a role model for the ~35 million other people living with HIV.

## **Fundraising Drinks - 5 May 2011:**

I'm hoping very much that you are able to come along on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011. It is a social fundraising evening, with Special Guest Speaker **Greg Matthews**, former NSW and Australian Test Cricketer and TV commentator. He will give great insight into various sports, as well as his life generally.

This a project of Living Positive HIV Pty Limited, ABN 71 145 634 466, endorsed by the ATO as a Health Promotion Charity and as a Deductible Gift Recipient. A tax deductible donation of \$75 is sought from all of us.

Alternatively, please make a donation through EverydayHero at http://www.everydayhero.com.au/steven berveling

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RSVP by Monday 2 May 2011: Steven Berveling 8227 9600 / 0419 413 138 berveling@mpchambers.net.au \$75 donation, + raffles etc All donations over \$2 are tax deductible Living Positive HIV Pty Ltd 6/65 Martin Place SYDNEY NSW 2000 WHERE: 6:00-8.30pm 5 May 2011 Martin Place Chambers 6<sup>th</sup> floor Reserve Bank Building 65 Martin Place Sydney