

No excuses needed for grabbing your Balls

There's no need to miss home when you come over to Australia to watch the Ashes series – there is a way of getting all the information you need.

There are many great things about Australia – the weather; the cost of living; the sheer, irresponsible genius of having drive-in off-licences – but one thing it sorely lacks is a way of keeping in touch with events from home.

Granted, you can always pour your hard-earned beer money into the grasping hands of the eager, capitalist computer geek behind the till at an internet café, but there is a much better way.

And that way is British Balls – a magazine created three years ago for Brits living, working and travelling Down Under. Starting initially as just an A4 sheet with the Premiership football results, it has grown ever since, and now covers everything you need to know from Blighty.

That includes the main news stories, funny stories that won't get reported in the Australian press, the latest celebrity gossip, sports news, soap round-ups, the UK music charts and much more.

On top of that, The Balls has travel news and stories from across Australia, and guides to the best places to go out in Sydney and Melbourne.

Best of all, British Balls is free every Sunday. It's the only place you'll get the latest English and Scottish football results and tables within hours of the games finishing, and you can pick it up in hostels, bars, travel centres and internet cafes across the country – particularly in Sydney and Melbourne.

During the Ashes series, British Balls will be teaming up with the Barmy Army to bring you all the cricket news, reports, interviews, tour diaries and gags from an English perspective, so you can mercifully avoid the total bias of the Aussie press, and revel in something far more palatable. We're looking forward to it, and like The Barmy Army, we'll be supporting England all the way, and doing it the right way – with a sense of fun.

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