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South Australian named in Australian Blind Cricket Team

Adelaide cricketer Michael Zannis has been selected for the Australian Blind Cricket Team to undertake a tour of the West Indies.

Zannis has represented Australia for about 10 years and is a true all-rounder. He leaves for his tour with the Australian team on June 2.

He has also previously represented South Australia in swimming and athletics.

Blind cricket is similar to normal cricket, but is played with a white rattling ball and bowling is underarm.

Zannis remembers well the day he lost his sight at the age of six due to a simple childhood accident when he ran into a wall.

The crash into the wall detached his retinas and he has been blind ever since.

However, he has not let this disability get in the way, and has travelled the world through his sporting involvement and is a university graduate.

He pays tribute to the many people who have helped him along the way, including Guide Dogs SA.NT, who have assisted him with mobility and white cane training over many years.

“They’ve been with me every step of the way. Without them, I wouldn’t have such a high level of confidence and independence.”

Alison Ryan, of Guide Dogs SA.NT, says Zannis is an inspiration and role model to all young people.

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