



Name	Ben Shields
DOB	25/02/1996
Nationality	Australian
Player Status	Available
Playing Role	Wicket-Keeper
Batting Style	RH Top Order Bat
Bowling Style	N/A
Entry Route	Youth Mobility Visa
Coaching Qualifications	NZC Level 2

Ben Shields is an accomplished wicket-keeper batter playing for Camberwell Cricket Club in the strong Victorian Premier League.

He is currently in his second season playing first grade for the Magpies, following a decade of dominance playing for Wellington Premier outfit, Onslow (one of New Zealand's strongest clubs).

Before his move to Wellington, the gloveman represented Queensland Schoolboys and was involved with the Under-19 squad. He starred for the Southport School 1st XI, South Coast Region Under-19s and played as high as 2nd Grade for the Gold Coast Dolphins in Brisbane's Grade Competition.

During his time in New Zealand, Shields excelled for Onslow, and played representative cricket for Wellington City, Wellington Under-19s, Wellington A, and was part of the Firebirds development squad.

Highlights during his career to date include his tournament record for the highest number of runs in a Queensland Schoolboy tournament, in which he struck three successive hundreds (105\*, 117, 104\*). In the same season, he was named the TSS most successful batter and was the only batter to score a GPS hundred that year (105\* v IGS).

During his maiden season for Onslow (2014/15), he was their leading one-day run-scorer (343 runs at 32) and helped his side to the one-day title. During the same season, he struck 3 fifty-plus scores for Wellington, including 75\* against

Otago in the Under-19 National Tournament.

In 2015/16, his crucial 76 in the Pearce Cup final was instrumental towards Onslow's first two-day title in over 30-years. He was rewarded with Wellington City and Development team inclusion. The following season, he was Onslow's second-leading run-scorer with 444 runs at 40 – his 70 average in the two-day competition helped Onslow take out the Heazlett Trophy.

In 2017/18, he impressed, particularly in the one-day competition hitting 365 runs at 36.50, with a highest score of 142\*. His exploits culminated with Wellington City and 'A' selection, then his maiden overseas stint with Dutch club Bloemendaal in 2018. He impressed, as he did on his Wellington return in 2018/19 hitting 439 runs (including an average of 37.33 in the T20 competition) to further his Firebird claims. A slight dip in form followed in 2019/20 (282 runs at 21.69) but he made amends during his final season in Wellington (2020/21) particularly in the two-day competition hitting 249 runs at 35.57.

Over the past two seasons he has resumed playing cricket in Australia for the star-studded Magpies side in the Victorian Premier League. He also returned for a second Dutch stint for Bloemendaal in 2022 where he topped the Hoofdklasse (Dutch second tier) batting averages striking 614 runs at 87.71.

Shields, who is also a high-level (NZC 2) and practicing coach, is now eager to embark on yet another stint abroad in 2023. This time, he is looking to play, live, and work in England, ideally around a major city. A high class amateur option for any club side next summer.

## Overseas Statistics

Team (Season)	Mts	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	Ovs	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg
Bloemendaal (2022)	13	12	5	614	73*	87.71					
Bloemendaal (2018)											

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