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Warnie's change to turn heads

IT'S fair to say that **Shane Warne** has come a long way. The boy from Black Rock, who once sported as T-shirt bearing the slogan "Save Water. Drink Beer" while on cricket duty, can these days be spotted dining with Indian princes. Or playing Britain's finest golf courses. Or escorting actress **Elizabeth Hurley** to Royal Ascot.

It's not just Warne's image that has undergone a metamorphosis. So, it seems, has Warnie's head. The cricket legend is back in Melbourne for the Shane Warne Foundation star-studded Footy Finals Lunch, to be held at Crown Palladium on Sunday. The cricket great will also make an appearance on *The Footy Show* tomorrow night.

It hasn't gone unnoticed that Warne looks much younger, and a little different, to the leg-spinner idolised by many.

To illustrate, our first picture dates from 1993, the year Warnie bamboozled England's **Mike Gatting** with his "ball of the century".

Next is a pic from 1999, from a Nicorette advert Warne did at the height of his career. The third pic dates from 2003, two years before Warne turned to Advanced Hair Studio. The fourth pic is from



Warne's press conference in December 2006, when he announced his retirement from Test cricket. Then, to the most recent pic of Warne, taken at Crown earlier this year.

Sporting Life is looking forward to *The Footy Show*. No doubt Warnie and **Sam Newman** will have much to discuss.

For information about the Footy Finals lunch, go to www.tswf.com.au