

# Going in to bat for a good cause

By EMMA SHAW

PAUL Dorin is hoping to raise a smile or two with his latest creation for the Jeans for Genes appeal.

The Corrimal artist has decorated Australian cricket captain Ricky Ponting's autographed denims with a series of sporting cartoons, which play on cricket puns.

"I had a lot of fun with this one," Mr Dorin said.

"Because I'm a cartoonist, it fits in well with my style. The glossary of cricket is so vast and I had so many ideas I had to leave some out."

It is the 16th pair of jeans Mr Dorin has decorated for auction, with funds going to the Children's Medical Research Institute.

This latest piece of art has been a labour of love for Mr Dorin, who has spent every evening for the past two weeks working on the cartoons.

"I called myself the night watchman - just to fit in with the cricketing puns," he said.

Mr Dorin has been using celebrity jeans as a canvas since 1997, when he was asked to paint the jeans of former rugby league player Brad Fittler.

Since then he has decorated the garments of Robin Williams, Rolf Harris, Kevin Kline, Jim Belushi and David Hasselhoff.

He has no plans to give up working for the charity. "I do it because it's a challenge and it's going to a great cause," he said.

Last year, Mr Dorin won the people's choice award at the jeans auction for his painting on the denim of motorcyclist Chris Vermeulen.

You can vote for your favourite artwork online at [www.jeansforgenes.org.au](http://www.jeansforgenes.org.au). The jeans will be auctioned on July 22.



**Bowled over:** Paul Dorin with Ricky Ponting's jeans, which he has covered in cricketing cartoons. The jeans will be auctioned for the Jeans for Genes appeal. Picture: ORLANDO CHIODO