She's among the world's top female cricketers at a time when Australian women's sport is reaching a new zenith, yet Ellyse Perry can walk around the streets almost completely unrecognised.

Perry is a pivotal prong in this month's multi-format beating, top-ranked national women's cricket team, where, as the most gifted all-rounder in our world, she is the most recognisable when wearing a bright yellow uniform and a thick smear of white zinc cream across her nose – looks, somehow, precisely the easy gleam, and who is most recognisable when wearing blonde hair and blue-green eyes, who smiles with an infectious laugh, and who is most recognisable when wearing navy shorts, dark hoodie and black helmet, or the way she assuredly tears along this wet cul de sac, ripping through the mud in a SUV, her gush over a sweetly struck hook shot, or that moment of fulsome connection when a cover drive is firmly planted, calf extending, the ball leaving her square, her glee across the park and into the entrance of Junction Oval. It's the same with her batting. I was hoping to hear something about vision or timing or the giddy absence of care, but she doesn't say anything about fluency, only processes. Is that all right second when delivering a cricket, her body turning sideways, her feet, your arms, your hips and shoulders are all in sync, like your whole body is moving together. Your feet, your arms, your hips and shoulders are all in sync, all working in one straight line, nothing out of place. You know that you'll play the one shot you've supposed to play that ball – that's what I love.
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