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PRIME MINISTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

2026 SPECIAL OLYMPICS AUSTRALIA NATIONAL GAMES

It gives me the greatest pleasure to welcome everyone to the 2026 Special Olympics Australia National Games.

For half a century, the Special Olympics has harnessed the power of sport to bring people together to build a more inclusive world.

Here in Melbourne, the athletes will carry that proud tradition forward, bringing their own talents to this wonderful showcase of skill, determination and character.

On this milestone anniversary, we honour the men and women of 1976 who brought the Special Olympics to Australia, recognising the limitless possibilities of a world that is open to all.

And we celebrate their solidarity and shared purpose, which helped shape the remarkable journey of Special Olympics Australia within the global movement.

Introduced at the first international games in Chicago the official Athletes' Oath called on competitors to "be brave in the attempt". Those words remain an abiding inspiration for all of us who prize the dignity of effort and the merit of hope.

I offer my warmest congratulations to the athletes, volunteers, friends and supporters of this year's National Games, and to all who have been crucial to the success of Special Olympics in Australia over the past 50 years.

I wish you a joyous and memorable Games.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Anthony Albanese".

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Prime Minister of Australia

October 2026



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Message from Victorian Government Minister for Sport Steve Dimopoulos

On behalf of the Victorian Government, I'd like to welcome you to the 2026 Special Olympics Australia National Games.

2026 marks 50 years of Special Olympics Australia changing lives through sport and creating a lasting legacy of opportunities for athletes with disabilities.

The National Games will bring together more than 850 athletes from across the country for five days of fierce competition as well as an opening ceremony not to be missed.

We're proud to support this event through our Significant Sporting Events Program, which helps organisations to deliver national, international, or regionally significant sporting events.

Since 2014, the Program has secured more than 1,200 events for Victoria, boosting local jobs and economies, and showcasing our beautiful state.

Over the next five unforgettable days, athletes will represent their states and battle it out for glory in a competition that celebrates all abilities, challenges perceptions and creates lasting impact in communities across the country.

For visitors to our wonderful state, I encourage you to also explore all Melbourne has to offer, and I wish you all the best for your time in our city.

To all our athletes I wish you the best of luck!

Steve Dimopoulos MP
Member for Oakleigh
Minister for Sport



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Welcome from the Chief Executive Officer

Welcome to the 2026 Special Olympics Australia National Games.

It is wonderful to welcome athletes, families, coaches, volunteers, officials, supporters and our broader Special Olympics Australia community to Melbourne and Victoria for what promises to be an incredible week.

This National Games is particularly special as we celebrate 50 years of inclusion through sport. For five decades, Special Olympics Australia has been creating opportunities for people with intellectual disability and/or autism to participate, compete, build confidence and be recognised for what they can achieve. As we celebrate everything that has come before, we are also looking ahead to the next 50 years.

Over the coming days, more than 850 athletes from across Australia will come together to compete across 13 sports, make new friends, challenge themselves and represent their States and Territories with pride. There will be big moments on the field of play, but just as importantly, there will be thousands of smaller moments that capture what the Special Olympics movement is all about.

I would like to thank every person who has helped bring these Games to life. To our athletes, families, coaches, officials and volunteers, thank you for being part of this special week.

I also want to acknowledge and thank our partners, including our National Games Major Partners, IGA and Victorian Government; Program Partners, City of Melbourne, Australian Sports Commission, Coca-Cola, Gallagher, LETR and Belgravia Apparel; and Supporting Partners, City of Port Phillip, My Plan Manager, SIXT, Uber, Amazon, Nestle Health, Scully RSV, Grant Thornton, Hidden Disabilities, Travellers Aid, Disability Gateway, SkyBus powered by Kinetic and Farmers Pick. Your support helps make opportunities like this possible. Your commitment to inclusion and to the Special Olympics movement makes a genuine difference. Thank you all.

And finally, thank you to Melbourne and Victoria for welcoming us. We are thrilled to be here and look forward to sharing the excitement of the National Games with the Victorian community.

Enjoy the Games, get behind our athletes and celebrate every moment of Melbourne 2026.

Jamie O'Connor

CEO, Special Olympics Australia



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NUMBER OF
VOLUNTEERS AND
EVENT OFFICIALS:
OVER 800

NUMBER OF ATHLETES:
**MORE THAN 850 FROM
EVERY STATE AND TERRITORY IN
AUSTRALIA, PLUS NEW ZEALAND**

9 SPORT
VENUES



FINAL LEG
30
STOPS

OPENING CEREMONY:
MARGARET COURT ARENA

13 SPORTS



ATHLETICS, BASKETBALL, BOCCÉ, TEN PIN BOWLING, FOOTBALL (SOCCER),
GOLF, GYMNASTICS, SWIMMING, TENNIS, TABLE TENNIS, NETBALL,
EQUESTRIAN, DANCESPORT (DEMONSTRATION ONLY).

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50 YEARS
1976 - 2026



Celebrating 50 years of Inclusion: The Next 50 Starts Here

For 50 years, Special Olympics Australia has been breaking barriers, changing perceptions, and creating communities where every athlete belongs.

We've built a movement powered by courage, unity and the belief that sport can change lives.

Now, as we celebrate our 50th anniversary and look to the future, we're not slowing down - we're stepping up.

The Next 50 Starts Here: with our athletes who dare to dream bigger, our volunteers and coaches who empower possibility, and every Australian who believes in inclusion through sport.

Because this is more than a milestone, it's a movement.

Together, we're writing the next chapter of inclusion and opportunity.

The next 50 years of Special Olympics in Australia starts right here - and it starts with all of us.

Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony for the 2026 Special Olympics Australia National Games will be held at Margaret Court Arena, one of Australia's premier multi-purpose venues and home to some of the nation's most iconic sporting and entertainment events.

Located within Melbourne Park, the arena is renowned for hosting the Australian Open alongside major national and international events. The venue features a world-class retractable roof, upgraded corporate and hospitality facilities, state-of-the-art video screens and sound systems, and enhanced spectator amenities, with a capacity of approximately 7,500.

Directed by the acclaimed Creative Director Andrew Walsh AM, the ceremony will be a vibrant celebration featuring the Parade of Athletes and live entertainment hosted by renowned journalist and Nine News Sydney presented Peter Overton, a Special Olympics Australia Ambassador for 25 years, and Athlete Ambassador Sam Schloeffel.

Audiences can look forward to performances from DJ Cooper Smith, Eliza Hull OAM, BAM Arts Inc, Victorian Creative Agencies Collective and the Victoria Police Pipe Band, creating an unforgettable atmosphere as the Games officially begin.

One of the ceremony's most anticipated moments will see athletes, officers and members of Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg team carry the Flame of Hope into the arena before lighting the cauldron, officially opening the National Games and signalling the start of competition.



Closing Ceremony

The 2026 Special Olympics Australia National Games Closing Ceremony, presented by IGA and supported by the City of Melbourne, will take place on Friday 23 October, from 2pm-4pm at the State Netball and Hockey Centre, Parkville.

DanceSport athletes from South Australia, New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia will showcase their talent and passion across four different styles of dance styles, bringing energy, creativity and plenty of personality to the Closing Ceremony.

Once the formalities are over, the celebrations aren't stopping yet. DJ MA BOWER will take over and keep the dance floor moving as we celebrate the athletes, achievements and memories of an incredible National Games.

Hosted by experienced MC Peter Lazer, help us celebrate the end of an unforgettable week!



Start your Learning Journey

The Inclusive Sport Academy is Special Olympics Australia's online learning platform for anyone supporting people with intellectual disability and autism through sport.



START YOUR LEARNING JOURNEY TODAY

NATIONAL GAMES SCHEDULE

MONDAY OCTOBER 19

OPENING CEREMONY MARGARET COURT ARENA

TUESDAY OCTOBER 20

ATHLETICS LAKESIDE STADIUM	8AM - 8:45AM WARM UP	9AM - 12PM SESSION 1	12PM - 1PM PRESENTATIONS/LUNCH	1PM - 3PM SESSION 2	3PM - 3:30PM PRESENTATIONS
BASKETBALL MSAC	8AM - 8:45AM WARM UP	9AM - 12PM SESSION 1	12PM - 1PM LUNCH	1PM - 4PM SESSION 2	
BOCCE CASA D'ABRUZZO	9AM - 12PM SESSION 1 DOUBLES	12PM - 1PM LUNCH	1PM - 3:30PM SESSION 2 DOUBLES		
TEN PIN BOWLING WYNCITY KEON PARK	9AM - 10:30AM SESSION 1 DOUBLES	10.45AM - 11.15AM PRESENTATIONS	11.30AM - 1PM SESSION 2 DOUBLES	1PM - 1.45PM PRESENTATIONS	2PM - 3:30PM SESSION 3 DOUBLES 3.45PM - 4.15PM PRESENTATIONS
EQUESTRIAN AYR HILL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE	9AM - 11AM HORSE SELECTION	11AM - 12PM RIDERS WARM UP	12PM - 12.30PM LUNCH	12.30PM - 3PM COMPETITION	
FOOTBALL JL MURPHY RESERVE	10AM - 12PM COMPETITION	12PM - 1PM LUNCH	1PM - 3:30PM UNIFIED		
GOLF SANDY LINKS	12.30PM - 5.30PM 18 HOLERS	1.30PM - 5.30PM 9 HOLERS			
GYMNASTICS SNHC - PARKVILLE	10AM - 11.30AM ATHLETES ONLY	11.20AM - 12PM LUNCH BREAK	12PM - 3PM COMP - ATHLETES AND FAMILIES		
NETBALL SNHC - PARKVILLE	10.30AM - 11.15AM SKILLS SESSION	11.45AM - 12.30PM LUNCH	12.30PM - 3.30PM ROUNDS		
SWIMMING MSAC (INDOOR POOL)	8AM - 8:45AM WARM UP	9AM - 12PM SESSION 1	11.30AM - 12PM PRESENTATIONS	12PM - 1PM LUNCH	12PM - 5PM AFTERNOON SESSION 3.30PM - 5PM PRESENTATIONS
TABLE TENNIS MSAC	10AM - 10.30AM OPENING CEREMONY	10.30AM - 1PM SINGLES - DIVISION ALLOCATION	1PM - 2PM LUNCH		
TENNIS TENNIS WORLD - ALBERT PARK	9AM - 3PM 8 COURTS	3PM - 5PM 6 COURTS			

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21

ATHLETICS LAKESIDE STADIUM	8AM - 8:45AM WARM UP	9AM - 12PM SESSION 1	12PM - 1PM PRESENTATIONS/LUNCH	1PM - 3.45PM SESSION 2	3.45PM - 4.15PM PRESENTATIONS
BASKETBALL MSAC	8AM - 8:45AM WARM UP	9AM - 12PM SESSION 1	12PM - 1PM LUNCH	1PM - 4PM SESSION 2	
BOCCE CASA D'ABRUZZO	9AM - 12PM SESSION 1 SINGLES	12PM - 1PM LUNCH	1PM - 3:30PM SESSION 2 SINGLES		
TEN PIN BOWLING WYNCITY KEON PARK	9AM - 11:30AM SESSION 1 TEAMS	11.45AM - 12.30PM PRESENTATIONS	1PM - 3:30PM SESSION 2 TEAMS	4PM - 4.45PM PRESENTATIONS	
EQUESTRIAN AYR HILL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE	9AM - 10.50AM COMPETITION	10.50AM - 11.05AM BREAK	11.05AM - 12.45PM COMPETITION	12.45PM - 1.10PM BREAK	1.10PM - 2.20PM COMPETITION
FOOTBALL JL MURPHY RESERVE	10AM - 12PM SCHOOLS SKILLS	12PM - 1PM LUNCH	1PM - 3:30PM COMPETITION		



GOLF <i>SANDY LINKS</i>	12.30PM - 5.30PM 18 HOLERS	1.30PM - 5.30PM 9 HOLERS				
GYMNASTICS <i>SNHC - PARKVILLE</i>	9AM - 11AM ATHLETES ONLY					
NETBALL <i>SNHC - PARKVILLE</i>	10AM - 10.30AM WARM UP	10.30AM - 12.30PM ROUNDS	12.30PM - 1.30PM LUNCH	1.30PM - 3PM ROUNDS		
SWIMMING <i>MSAC (INDOOR POOL)</i>	8AM - 8:45AM WARM UP	9AM - 11.30AM SESSION 1	11AM - 11.30AM PRESENTATIONS	12PM - 1PM LUNCH	12PM - 4PM AFTERNOON SESSION	2.45PM - 5PM PRESENTATIONS
TABLE TENNIS <i>MSAC</i>	10AM - 12PM SINGLES COMPETITION	12PM - 1PM LUNCH				
TENNIS <i>TENNIS WORLD - ALBERT PARK</i>	9AM - 3PM 8 COURTS	3PM - 5PM 6 COURTS				

THURSDAY OCTOBER 22

ATHLETICS <i>LAKESIDE STADIUM</i>	8AM - 8:45AM WARM UP	9AM - 12PM SESSION 1	12PM - 1PM PRESENTATIONS/LUNCH	1PM - 2.30PM SESSION 2	2.30PM - 3.30PM PRESENTATIONS	
BASKETBALL <i>MSAC</i>	8AM - 8:45AM WARM UP	9AM - 12PM SESSION 1	12PM - 1PM LUNCH	1PM - 4PM SESSION 2		
BOCCE <i>CASA D'ABRUZZO</i>	10AM - 12PM TEAMS	12PM - 1PM LUNCH	2PM - 4PM PRESENTATIONS - ALL AWARDS			
TEN PIN BOWLING <i>WYNCITY KEON PARK</i>	9AM - 10:30AM SESSION 1 SINGLES	10.45AM - 11.15AM PRESENTATIONS	11.30AM - 1PM SESSION 2 SINGLES	1PM - 1.45PM PRESENTATIONS	2PM - 3.30PM SESSION 3 SINGLES	3.45PM - 4.15PM PRESENTATIONS
EQUESTRIAN <i>AYR HILL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE</i>	9.30AM - 12PM COMPETITION	12PM - 1PM LUNCH	1PM - 3PM PRESENTATIONS	3PM - 3.30PM FAREWELL		
FOOTBALL <i>JL MURPHY RESERVE</i>	10AM - 12.30PM COMPETITION	12PM - 1PM PRESENTATIONS	1PM - 1.45PM LUNCH	1.45PM - 3.30PM UNIFIED		
GOLF <i>SANDY LINKS</i>	12.30PM - 5.30PM 18 HOLERS	1.30PM - 5.30PM 9 HOLERS	6PM MEDAL PRESENTATIONS			
GYMNASTICS <i>SNHC - PARKVILLE</i>	9.30AM - 11AM ATHLETES ONLY	10.50AM - 11.30AM LUNCH BREAK	11.30AM - 2PM COMP - ATHLETES AND FAMILIES		2PM - 3PM PRESENTATIONS	
NETBALL <i>SNHC - PARKVILLE</i>	10AM - 10.15AM WARM UP	10.45AM - 11.45AM SEMI FINALS	11.45AM - 12.30PM UNIFIED MATCHES	12.30PM - 1.30PM FINALS	1.30PM - 2.30PM PRESENTATIONS	
SWIMMING <i>MSAC (INDOOR POOL)</i>	8AM - 8:45AM WARM UP	9AM - 11.30AM SESSION 1	11.30AM - 12PM PRESENTATIONS	12PM - 1PM LUNCH	12PM - 5PM AFTERNOON SESSION	4PM - 5PM PRESENTATIONS
TABLE TENNIS <i>MSAC</i>	10AM - 12PM DOUBLES COMPETITION	12.15PM - 12.45PM PRESENTATIONS	12.45PM - 1.30PM LUNCH			
TENNIS <i>TENNIS WORLD - ALBERT PARK</i>	9AM - 3PM 8 COURTS	3PM - 5PM 6 COURTS	3PM - 5PM PRESENTATIONS TBC			
DANCESPORTS <i>MSAC</i>	2PM - 8PM DEMONSTRATIONS (45 MIN SESSIONS)					

FRIDAY OCTOBER 23

BASKETBALL <i>MSAC</i>	8AM - 8:45AM WARM UP	9AM - 11AM FINALS	11AM - 12.30PM PRESENTATIONS
CLOSING CEREMONY <i>STATE NETBALL AND HOCKEY CENTRE - PARKVILLE</i>			

This schedule is subject to change, and is correct as at 1 October, 2026.
To find out more about the Event Schedule, please visit the [National Games website](#)





Technical Delegates

Our Technical Delegates bring extensive sporting expertise to the National Games, helping ensure competition is fair, safe and runs to the highest standards.

Athletics:	Patsy McKenzie
Basketball:	Shaun Pugsley
Bocce:	Mary Greig
Ten Pin Bowling:	Justin Lopes
Football:	Eddie Meechan
Golf:	Rex Langthorne
Gymnastics:	Natalie Johnston
Swimming:	Shirley Milgate
Netball:	Lisa Hester
Tennis:	James Channon
Table Tennis:	Gary Warnest
Equestrian:	Angela Zegir and Sally Francis



TORCH ROUTE

TWO TEAMS. 30 STOPS. 10 DAYS. THE FLAME OF HOPE IS ON ITS WAY!

From October 9, law enforcement officers from across Australia will join Special Olympics athletes to carry the Flame of Hope on its final journey to Melbourne for the 2026 Special Olympics Australia National Games.



Athlete Ambassador Team

Athletes are at the heart of the 2026 Special Olympics Australia National Games. This year, six athletes will take on an important role in helping bring the Games to life as members of the National Games Athlete Ambassador Team.

During the National Games, the Athlete Ambassador Team will connect with athletes, fans, volunteers, supporters, families and partners. They will help showcase the people and stories behind the Games and play a role in medal ceremonies and other activities throughout the week.

Meet the team



Angela Braidó – ACT

Angela has been part of Special Olympics since 2017, representing Australia at the 2019 World Summer Games in Abu Dhabi, where her basketball team won gold. She became an Athlete Leader in 2022 and has supported basketball training and other athletes to build their skills. Angela is also a passionate advocate for people with intellectual disability in Canberra and enjoys volunteering in her local community. Outside of Special Olympics, she works part-time in the Australian Public Service and loves painting, travelling, movies and bush walks.



Sophie Hughes - VIC

Sophie has been involved in Special Olympics since 2018 and competed at the 2022 National Games in Launceston. She loves helping out, promoting the spirit of Special Olympics and making others feel welcome. Through Athlete Leadership, Sophie has developed new skills, learned the importance of teamwork and enjoyed finding ways to support other athletes. She loves competing, travelling and meeting new people through sport.



Stephen Lawley - QLD

Stephen has been involved in Special Olympics for over 30 years and was an Athlete Leader at the 2006 National Games on the Gold Coast. He enjoys meeting people, helping others feel welcome and being involved in Special Olympics events. Stephen is passionate about making sure athletes have a strong voice and are seen for their abilities, confidence and leadership, both on and off the field.



Sam Schloeffel - NSW

Sam has been part of Special Olympics for six years, competing in basketball at the 2022 National Games in Launceston and representing Australia at the 2023 World Summer Games in Berlin. He enjoys meeting new people, supporting other athletes and sharing his story. Sam is a confident speaker and enjoys helping to promote the Special Olympics movement. He also works full-time for the NSW Government.

**Kasey Thomson - VIC**

Kasey has been involved in Special Olympics for 21 years and is a ten-pin bowling athlete, Athlete Leader and athlete representative on the National Games Advisory Committee. She is passionate about being a role model, representing the voice of athletes and promoting the values of Special Olympics. Kasey enjoys challenging herself, stepping outside her comfort zone and encouraging others, particularly young people with intellectual disability, to believe in themselves and have a go.

**Lachie Wadsworth - VIC**

Lachie has been involved in Special Olympics for four years and is a basketball athlete. He is passionate about being a voice for athletes and supporting others throughout the National Games. He is looking forward to helping create a welcoming Games environment and raising awareness of Special Olympics with the wider community.

Athlete Oath

"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

Coaches Oath

"In the name of all coaches and in the spirit of sportsmanship, I promise that we will act professionally, respect others, and ensure a positive experience for all. I promise to provide quality sports and training opportunities in a safe environment for all athletes."

Officials Oath

"In the name of all judges and officials, I promise that we shall officiate in these Special Olympics Games with complete impartiality, respecting and abiding by the rules which govern them, in the spirit of sportsmanship."





Team Management

Marc Ferguson (Head of Delegation)
Kellie Henson (Assistant Head of Delegation)
Naazmi Johnston (Assistant Head of Delegation)
Elias Habelrih (Assistant Head of Delegation)
Joanne Kind (Medical Team)
Richard Kind (Medical Team)
Cathy Vineburg (Medical Team)

Athletics



Gordon Costello (Head Coach)
Anita Ferguson (Assistant Coach)
Robin Yates (Assistant Coach)
Shane Ferguson (Team Support)
Tahleah Tallar (Team Support)
Amanda Stevens
Angela Fowler
Beau Lawson
Bray Aquino
Cameron Davidson
Cooper Travers
Guy Laurenceson
James Greaves
Jerome Etteridge
Jessica Van der Neut
Kristin Mercer
Lisa Weingartner
Stuart Alford
Zachary Parker

Basketball



Mick Harris (Head Coach)
Paul O'Neill (Coach)
Sarah Skidmore (Coach)
Lucas Walker (Coach)
Andrea Werner (Coach)
Callum Harley (Coach)
Daniel Ferrington (Assistant Coach)
Kathie Parker (Team Support)
Vicki Liddy (Team Support)
Erin Wallace (Team Support)
Joanne Byrne (Team Support)
Abigail Causer

David Lusunzi
Anthony Pana
Mackenzie Wills
Samuel Milton
Brittany Anderson
Fraser King
Hayden Richens
Luke Huska
Taylor Anderson
Alonzo Gollon
Lachlan Parker
William Rice
Clay Perkins
Charlotte Moten
Dominic Harper
Harry Jerogin
James Summerhayes
Juliet Liddy
Michael Paterson
Mitchell Byrne
Shaun Iacovelli
Oliver Williams
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Isabella Conroy
Matthew Tan
Michael Sporbet
Nicholas Gibbs
Ruby Thomson
Shalana Russell
Sophie Kildea
Tae Shields
Blayney Silvia
Michael Karseboom
Alipate Albert McKenzie
Darcy Rollins
Keelan Crawford
Sarah Clarke
Joel Redford

Bocce



Helen Wheatley (Head Coach)
Mark Levers (Assistant Coach)
Karyn Becker (Assistant Coach)
Peter Becker (Team Support)
Luke Muttodon (Team Support)
Cheyenne Patterson (Team Support)
Christine Aldrick (Team Support)
Brooke McGrath
Clare Frize
Edward Smith
Emma Nelson
Holly Levers
Jason Nelson
Jessica Storey
Jodie Greenwood
Joshua Frost
Kevin Greig
Kleo Charnas
Lisa McKerlie
Lisa Vineburg
Michael Matthews
Michael Neljandi
Michael Wheatley
Ross Clews
Sarah Molesworth
Sharon Lee Taylor
Tracie Sammut
Travis Becker
Trent Brewer
Vickie Dougherty
William Kemp

Football



Peter Muhlbock (Head Coach)
Peter Lyons (Assistant Coach)
Margaret Muhlbock (Team Support)
Bradley Southwell
Craig Muhlbock
David Evans
Jason Blackadder
Michael Dooley
Raquel White
Rocco Musumeci
Takoda Johnson

Team lists are correct as of 2 October 2026. Every effort has been made to ensure all names and team details are accurate at the time of publication.

Golf



[Brandan Barnes \(Head Coach\)](#)
[Kate Pollard \(Assistant Coach\)](#)
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[Kirsten Brunsdon \(Team Support\)](#)
[Gregory Brunsdon \(Team Support\)](#)
[Anders Kobula](#)
[Lachlan Pearson](#)
[Daniel Horwood](#)
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[William Brundson](#)
[Rory Mulligan](#)

Gymnastics



[Matthew Wotton \(Head Coach\)](#)
[Shane-Marie Child \(Coach WAG\)](#)
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[Jennifer Klein](#)
[Shane-Anne Child](#)
[Tasharna Butcher](#)
[Tiana Legge](#)

Swimming



[Ellenna Morris OAM \(Head Coach\)](#)
[Peter Hedges \(Assistant Coach\)](#)
[Roy Fry \(Assistant Coach\)](#)
[May Robertson \(Team Support\)](#)
[Tracey Lacovelli \(Team Support\)](#)

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[Tiana Fina](#)
[Troy Puttergill](#)
[Zac Fry](#)

Tennis



[Ian Chappel \(Head Coach\)](#)
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[Wendy Koudounas \(Team Support\)](#)
[Cameron Pellizzon](#)
[Emma Mangan](#)
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[Harrison Werner](#)
[James Pollard](#)
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[Michael Wren](#)
[Timothy Walsh](#)

Ten Pin Bowling



[Karen Hawke \(Head Coach\)](#)
[Kathy Godwin \(Assistant Coach\)](#)
[Kurtis Becker \(Team Support\)](#)
[Georgia McGrath \(Team Support\)](#)
[Joanne Townsend \(Team Support\)](#)
[Brittany Salazar \(Team Support\)](#)

[Christine Tasker \(Team Support\)](#)
[Natalie Wholohan \(Team Support\)](#)
[Kathy Dewson \(Team Support\)](#)
[Anne Massey \(Team Support\)](#)
[Jonathan Stepney \(Team Support\)](#)
[Callum McCombie \(Team Support\)](#)
[Paul McGuinness \(Team Support\)](#)
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Swimming



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Bocce



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Bocce



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Dance Sport



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Equestrian



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Explore Melbourne

Make the most of your time at the National Games and explore some of the great places to visit, eat and enjoy around Melbourne and our Games venues. From local attractions and hidden gems to great places for a meal, there's plenty to discover during your stay.

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Places to visit:



Metartworld: 155 Boundary Street,
Port Melbourne

The world's largest scrap-metal art gallery boasts over 200 metal sculptures in a stunning exhibition that blends life and play. You'll have to see to believe their one-of-a-kind art space featuring unique interactive metal sculptures from international artists, plus a cinema, VR experiences, mazes and heaps more.



Luna Park: 18 Lower Esplanade,
St Kilda, VIC 3182

No visit Southside is complete without a visit to Melbourne's iconic carnival Luna Park! Enjoy a world full of funhouse flair, from rides and attractions that send you sky-high, to historical carousel rides that speak to the over a hundred-year history of this beloved family destination.



St Kilda Pier: Pier Rd, St Kilda VIC 3182

One of Melbourne's top waterfront attractions, the St Kilda Pier is your perfect stop for beachside walks and sunset selfies. Enjoy the spectacular curved walkway, tiered seating, and community space— plus visitors can also nab tickets to the unmissable St Kilda penguin viewing experience at the nearby breakwater.



Australian Sports Museum: Gate 3, Melbourne
Cricket Ground, Brunton Ave, Melbourne

Go on an immersive journey into Australia's rich sporting history at the Australian Sports Museum. Located within the famed MCG, you can test your skills in the Game On! area, marvel at the extensive memorabilia, and learn about great moments in the story of sport. No ordinary museum, the interactive exhibitions encourage you to touch, listen, see, and play. Whether you're competing against virtual athletes or yourself, it's all so much fun.



50th Anniversary Flower Bed:
Kings Domain Gardens, St Kilda Road

A special flower bed has been planted at Kings Domain Gardens along St Kilda Road to mark 50 years of Special Olympics Australia - and it will be in full bloom right as our athletes take over the city for the National Games! Not far from our Albert Park hub, it's the perfect stop if you're in town for the Games. Head to 257 St Kilda Road and come say hello.

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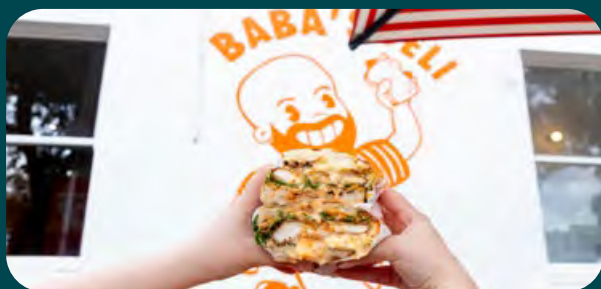
Heart Bakes: 220 Bridge Street, Port Melbourne

A must-visit for fans of cinnamon scrolls, Heart Bakes is famous for its viral sensation gooey cinnamon scrolls. And the delicious food doesn't stop there: visitors can also pick up delicious Basque cheesecake, signature Heart Lamingtons, fudge chocolate cookies and brunch favourites across bacon and eggs, Reuben sandwiches and more.



Moon Mart: 315 Clarendon St, South Melbourne VIC 3205

Blending Japanese and Korean café influences, this beloved Asian fusion brunch spot brings an experimental approach to Melbourne's sandwich craze. Expect options like pork katsu sandos, kimchi jaffles with cheese and fermented garlic honey, and avocado rolls with the house special sauce. Plus, they're right by fresh-products and market wares heaven, South Melbourne Market.



Baba's Deli: 295 Bay Street, Port Melbourne

A true standout in a sandwich-saturated city, Baba's Deli has distinguished itself with its delectable fluffy focaccias, all of which are made fresh onsite daily. From crumbed chicken or eggplant to crispy haloumi paired with hot honey figs, Baba's fillings are next level – just be sure to bring your appetite as these sangas are definite two-handers.



Baguette Studios: 15-27 Wreckyn St, North Melbourne

Baguette Studios in North Melbourne is quickly making a name for itself with its beautifully burnished baguettes piled high with deli fixings. That's not to discount the sweet treats on offer though. Double chocolate croissants, seasonal fruit tarts and a vanilla mille-feuille special are just a sample of the regularly rotating menu. Wash down your feast with a butterscotch cream iced latte for the full sweet escape.



It's Bagel: 2/50 Queen St, Melbourne

It's Bagel serves bagels baked fresh daily, stacked with generous fillings. The sandwich menu features smoked salmon, pastrami, crispy chicken and more, alongside bagels with plain or flavoured cream cheese. Whether it's breakfast on the go, a lunch break or a bagel and coffee, It's Bagel brings fresh flavours to the everyday.

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