

Media Release

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GRAND PRIX CIRCUIT BUILD DELIVERS JOBS FOR VICTORIANS

Melbourne's major events recovery is racing ahead as the Formula 1® Australian Grand Prix returns to the city, with a sell out crowd locked in for race day.

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events, Martin Pakula was today joined by representatives of the Australian Grand Prix Corporation and Harry the Hirer to inspect the circuit before hundreds of thousands of fans pour through the gates.

The circuit build and pack down takes 16 weeks and will support more than 2,500 jobs over an estimated 400,000 hours of work.

Victorian owned business Harry the Hirer is playing an integral role to deliver the circuit build, with its employees bumping in the Grand Prix after recent work at the Australian Open, Moomba and the Melbourne Fashion Festival.

The world's best drivers, including Australia's own Daniel Ricciardo, will soon race on the recently modified and resurfaced track – the first upgrade since it was originally laid in 1995. This circuit upgrade created 500 jobs across 85,000 construction hours.

In addition to the on-track action, ticket holders can enjoy trackside entertainment, live music and food and wine experiences from the biggest names in Victoria's famed restaurant scene.

Spread across five new fan precincts – Melbourne, Phillip Island, Grampians, Yarra Valley and the Great Ocean Road – the event will showcase the very best of Victoria in 2022.

The Grand Prix has been a pillar of the state's renowned major events calendar since it was brought to Victoria from South Australia in 1996.

The world-renowned four-day event beams images of Melbourne and Victoria's regions into millions of homes around the globe.

The Australian Grand Prix 2022 runs from 7-10 April, with limited tickets available over the race weekend at grandprix.com.au

Quotes attributable to Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Martin Pakula

"Melbourne hosting the Grand Prix is another sign that our city is back and we're the place to be for the biggest global sporting events."

"This year's Grand Prix is set to attract hundreds of thousands of people to Albert Park over the race weekend, delivering big benefits to businesses and supporting local jobs."

Quote attributable to Australian Grand Prix Corporation CEO Andrew Westacott

"The Formula 1® Australian Grand Prix not only signals to the world that Victoria is open for business, but it also solidifies Melbourne as the country's home of major international events."

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