

# Media Release

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## WORLD'S BEST BACK FOR MELBOURNE BOXING BOUT

Following the success of the Kambosos Jr v Haney Lightweight Title Fight held in Melbourne this June, the Andrews Labor Government is doubling down and bringing fans another opportunity to see the two champions face off.

Drawing thousands of fans to Melbourne's CBD in another win for the city's credentials as the major events capital, Australia's own George "Ferocious" Kambosos Jr and Devin "The Dream" Haney will rematch at Rod Laver Arena on Sunday, 16 October.

The original fight saw Haney walk away with the win and four world championship belts, while more than 42,000 fans flocked to Marvel Stadium – with the match taking the title for the largest ever boxing event staged in Victoria, and the second largest on record in Australia.

Drawing boxing fans from across Australia and the world, close to 20,000 visitors descended on Victoria with nearly half of ticket sales purchased by interstate and overseas fans.

Eyes around the globe will again be on Melbourne as the Haney v Kambosos Jr "Repeat or Revenge" fight is broadcast live in prime time, in the United States on ESPN, ESPN Deportes & ESPN+, while in Australia the match will be broadcast live on Main Event and Kayo.

Record investment in major events has already attracted more than 4.5 million people who attended events across sport, art, theatre, food and fashion – bringing Victoria to life and delivering a huge number of visitors to the state.

In 2019, Victoria's calendar of major events delivered \$2.5 billion in economic value for the state. Major events drive interstate and international visitation while putting Melbourne and Victoria on the global stage.

The events will keep rolling out for the rest of 2022, with the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, Victoria's largest celebration of live music ALWAYS LIVE, the Bledisloe Cup, Matildas v Sweden and the Australian Open golf just to name a few.

Tickets to the rematch will go on-sale on Thursday 25 August at [tegsport.com.au](https://tegsport.com.au).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos

*"With almost half of the crowd from the first fight hailing from outside Victoria, we look forward to welcoming boxing fans back to Melbourne to watch what will be an epic rematch."*

*"We're delivering a spectacular calendar of the biggest and best events – drawing more visitors to Victoria, more often and supporting businesses across the state."*

### Quote attributable boxer, George Kambosos Jr

*"I am looking forward to October 16th at Rod Laver Arena and that's where I will do my talking. Inside the ring."*

### Quote attributable boxer, Devin "The Dream" Haney

*"I'm expecting a hungry and determined Kambosos on October 16th in Melbourne. I will be prepared for any adjustment he brings. This is a great opportunity to gain more Aussie fans and add to my legacy."*

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