

Media Release

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GIPPSLAND ON TARGET FOR VICTORIA 2026

The Andrews Labor Government is getting on with delivering the Victoria 2026 Commonwealth Games in Gippsland.

Five sports will be staged in the region, with Shooting and Para Shooting bolstering the existing competition schedule of Women's T20 Cricket, Badminton, Rugby Sevens and Road Cycling.

The Cycling Road Race will finish with a criterium in Gippsland with the Commonwealth's best racing for gold within central Traralgon.

T20 Cricket is part of a strong women's sports program and will see the reigning world champion Australian team look to defend the gold medal they won at this year's Commonwealth Games.

Shooting promises to be an engaging competition, with competitors up against a strong Indian team that has taken home shooting gold at every Games since 1998.

This expanded program of sports means more athletes will experience the best of regional Victoria in 2026, attracting thousands of additional visitors to witness the competition for medals.

The Games village location has also been locked in and will be established on English Street, Morwell and will be a home-away-from-home for about 1,000 athletes and officials.

The village will be designed in consultation with the local community and Traditional Owners, celebrating the rich culture of the Gunaikurnai people and the Gippsland region's vibrant communities and landscapes.

It is estimated the 2026 Commonwealth Games will contribute more than \$3 billion to Victoria's economy, creating more than 600 full-time equivalent jobs before they start, 3,900 jobs during the Games and a further 3,000 jobs after the Closing Ceremony.

For more information about the Victoria 2026 Commonwealth Games, visit vic.gov.au/victoria2026.

Quote attributable to Minister for Commonwealth Games Legacy Shaun Leane

"We're getting on with delivering a world-class Commonwealth Games – celebrating the region's sport, culture and boosting its economy while it is showcased to the world."

Quote attributable to Minister for Commonwealth Games Delivery Jacinta Allan

"Along with the local community, I can't wait to see the Commonwealth's best talent performing in Moe, Morwell and Traralgon for the Victoria 2026 Commonwealth Games."

Quote attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing

"With five sports and the Games Village location now locked in, I'm excited to see some of the Commonwealth's best athletes here in Gippsland."

Quotes attributable to Commonwealth Games Australia CEO Craig Phillips

"CGA is excited about the program of sports on offer in Gippsland, with Badminton, Rugby Sevens, T20 Cricket, Road Cycling and the return of Shooting which, for the first time, will include events for para athletes."

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