Media Release

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EUREKA STADIUM UPGRADE ON TRACK FOR GAMES

The Andrews Labor Government is getting on with a \$150 million upgrade to Ballarat's Eureka Stadium for the Victoria 2026 Commonwealth Games, appointing the design consultant team to lead the works.

Cox Architecture will partner with Ballarat firm Morton + Co Architects to lead the project from concept design phase through to detailed design and construction, so that Eureka Stadium is ready to host the Athletics & Para Athletics.

The North Ballarat Football Club Development Project and Ballarat Grammar School Sports Centre are among Morton + Co Architects' extensive portfolio of local projects.

They will lead the project from the concept design phase through to detailed design, creating local job opportunities and providing a boost to the region's economy.

A new athletics track will be built at the site and the stadium will be expanded to hold an additional 5,000 permanent seats, with improved accessibility.

These upgrades will mean a bigger and better experience for spectators at Eureka Stadium in the years to come, ensuring Ballarat continues to attract major events.

For the Commonwealth Games, additional temporary seats will be installed as well as a competition standard track on the existing playing field.

It is estimated the Commonwealth Games will contribute more than \$3 billion to Victoria's economy, creating more than 7500 jobs before, during and after the Games.

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

Quotes attributable to Minister for Commonwealth Games Delivery Jacinta Allan

"It's exciting to see the Games coming to life as we prepare to deliver world-class infrastructure that will generate jobs and contribute billions of dollars into Victoria's economy."

"We are getting on with delivering Victoria 2026 to showcase our fantastic regional communities such as Ballarat, and all Victorians, to a global audience."

Quote attributable to Minister for Commonwealth Games Legacy Harriet Shing

"The 2026 Games will create jobs in Ballarat, driving economic growth and an enduring legacy of accessible, inclusive and fit-for-purpose housing and community infrastructure."

Quote attributable to the Member for Eureka Michaela Settle

"The new stadium will host an amazing program of sports and I encourage every Victorian to come and also experience our award-winning attractions and world-class food and wine."

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