**Media Release** 

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## **MELBOURNE COURSE REVEALED FOR PRESIDENTS CUP 2028**

The Presidents Cup will be contested at Kingston Heath Golf Club in Melbourne's iconic Sandbelt region when the prestigious international golf event returns to Melbourne in 2028, thanks to support from the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Tourism Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos officially announced the course selection today in conjunction with the PGA TOUR as golf fans from around the world turned their attention to Melbourne.

Kingston Heath is consistently ranked as one of the top courses globally and has hosted the Australian Open seven times, the 2016 World Cup of Golf, the 2008 Women's Australian Open, as well as the 2009 and 2012 Australian Masters.

The 2028 Presidents Cup will mark the event's fourth trip to Melbourne, tying the record for most contested Cups in one city, matched only by Gainesville in Virginia, USA.

Melbourne will then host the Presidents Cup again in 2040 thanks to a landmark deal secured by the Labor Government last year.

Previous editions of the Presidents Cup in Melbourne in 1998, 2011 and 2019 generated a combined economic impact of more than \$121 million, thousands of hours in broadcasts globally, and attracted more than 315,000 spectators – including 47,000 visitors to Victoria.

The biennial global team competition has a history of attracting some of the world's best golfers, including Australia's own Adam Scott and Cameron Smith, and Ernie Els and Tiger Woods.

Golf in Victoria generates \$883 million to the state's economy and supports 6,900 jobs. Major events such as these are an integral part of Victoria's Golf Tourism Strategy and help to attract more visitors to Victoria, supporting jobs across the tourism sector.

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

"The Presidents Cup solidifies Melbourne's position as one of the greatest golf destinations on the planet and we can't wait to welcome this event to Kingston Heath in 2028."

"Our long-term partnership with PGA TOUR will deliver two high-calibre events – showcasing our city as a must-visit golfing destination to viewers from around the world and reinforcing Victoria's status as the major events capital of Australia."

## Quotes attributable to PGA TOUR Senior Vice President of Championship Management Matt Rapp

"On behalf of the PGA TOUR, we are excited to bring the 2028 Presidents Cup to Kingston Heath Golf Club as we further cement the history and future of this event in the great city of Melbourne,"

"The Sandbelt region is home to some of the game's most iconic venues, and Kingston Heath has proven to be a worldclass host for a number of golf's biggest tournaments. We are looking forward to contesting an incredible Presidents Cup that Australians can take tremendous pride in, showcasing Kingston Heath to golf fans around the world."