

# Media Release

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## MELBOURNE REVS UP FOR WORLD SUPERCROSS AT MARVEL STADIUM

The best supercross riders from around the world have descended on Melbourne for the FIM World Supercross Championship (WSX) Australian Grand Prix this weekend at Marvel Stadium, adding to Melbourne's enviable major events calendar, backed by the Allan Labor Government.

Current world champion, Ken Roczen, joined a group of international riders and other athletes at URBNSURF today to get a taste of the great experiences on offer in Melbourne.

The WSX Australian Grand Prix will take place on 24 and 25 November with a glittering field of riders competing in the Grand Finale event that could see any one of the leading top four riders take out this year's main event title. There are four titles in total up for grabs (WSX, SX2, Team and Manufacturer).

Melbourne is the exclusive host of the WSX Australian Grand Prix from 2022 to 2024 thanks to a three-year deal secured by the Labor Government through Visit Victoria.

Last year's event attracted more than 55,000 attendees over two days with fans attending from across Australia and overseas, providing a boost to hotels, restaurants, and businesses across the city.

The 2023 championship sees 10 teams and 40 of the world's best riders compete for world championship glory, with the event offering fans thrilling racing together with a full night of entertainment including FMX stunts, an interactive fan zone, live music performances, and pyrotechnics.

The WSX Australian Grand Prix will showcase Melbourne to an international fan base through broadcast and promotion across North and South America, Europe, Oceania and Asia.

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

*"Melbourne is the sporting and events capital of Australia and we're excited to host the FIM World Supercross Championship for the second time this year, welcoming fans from around the country and overseas to our city for this exciting event."*

*"Major events like this help drive Melbourne's international profile, draw large crowds into the city and support local jobs."*