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MELBOURNE TO HOST TRAM DRIVER CHAMPIONSHIP IN 2027

Melbourne will host the next World Tram Driver Championship in 2027, bringing the global spotlight to the world's largest tram network for the first time.

This comes as the World Tram Driver Championship takes place this weekend in Vienna, where two tram drivers and their coach are representing Australia and competing against 24 other countries to take out the top spot.

Drivers have competed in challenges to put their driving skills to the test, with disciplines ranging from precision stopping and speed control.

Melbourne's tram network is the largest in the world, with more than 250 kilometres of double track and over 5,000 daily services moving almost 200 million passengers every year.

In 2022, Australia was the first ever non-European country chosen to compete in the European Tram Driver Championships in Leipzig, Germany.

Hosting the competition builds on Melbourne's reputation as a leading destination for international sporting events including the Australian Open, the Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix and the Melbourne Cup.

The Labor Government's \$1.85 billion project will see 100 G Class trams roll out onto the network, as well as a new tram maintenance and stabling facility in Maidstone and supporting more than 1,900 local jobs.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams

"Melbourne is home to the world's biggest tram network and hosting the World Tram driver Championship will showcase the important role trams play in our city."

"We're excited to welcome the world's best tram drivers to our iconic network, and cheer on our Tramaroos in 2027."

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

"This is another exciting event to add to our enviable calendar of major events - I look forward to seeing our drivers representing their country and state in the major events capital of the nation."

Quote attributable to Yarra Trams CEO Vincent Destot

"This event is more than a competition – it's a celebration of the people, culture, and innovation that make trams such an important part of our city."