

Media Release

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MELBOURNE CUP CARNIVAL READY TO IMPRESS IN 2025

This year's Melbourne Cup Carnival is set to be bigger and better than ever – with support from the Allan Labor Government to deliver new entertainment precincts and attractions at Flemington.

The world-class carnival will once again showcase the very best of racing, fashion, culture, food and wine across four spectacular race days at Flemington Racecourse – Howden Victoria Derby Day, the Lexus Melbourne Cup, Crown Oaks Day and TAB Champions Stakes Day.

The Labor Government is investing \$1,790,000 from the Major Racing Events Fund towards the carnival's entertainment and infrastructure, alongside the Victoria Racing Club's multi-million-dollar investment to enhance The Elms and The Park precincts.

The Elms Stage presented by Maccas will come alive with performances from global DJ phenomenon FISHER and Australian electronic icons PNAU.

The Park will also feature family-friendly entertainment, immersive activities and the chance to meet retired racing champions – ensuring there's something for everyone to enjoy across the four days.

The Melbourne Cup Carnival is one of Victoria's largest major events generating more than \$500 million in gross economic benefit last year, creating jobs for thousands of Victorians and attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors to the track.

Since its launch in 2023, the Major Racing Events Fund has provided \$9.2 million towards 29 projects worth almost \$21 million, boosting local economies and supporting racing events right across the state.

The Labor Government has also invested nearly \$21 million in the Victoria Racing Club for 21 infrastructure projects and 15 events, helping to grow and sustain Victoria's vibrant racing industry.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Racing Anthony Carbines

"Nobody does spring racing like Victoria and this year's Melbourne Cup Carnival will once again showcase our city at its very best."

"We're proud to back Victoria's \$4.7 billion racing industry – supporting thousands of jobs and keeping Melbourne buzzing as the Melbourne Cup Carnival draws visitors from across Australia and the world."

Quotes attributable to Victoria Racing Club Chairman Neil Wilson

"We're grateful to the Victorian Government for its generous contribution to the Melbourne Cup Carnival, one of Victoria's most important major events."

"Crowds from Victoria, interstate and around the world travel to see the very best we have to offer in world-class racing, experiences and entertainment, and we look forward to presenting this year's edition of the Melbourne Cup Carnival."