

Media Release

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NBL TAKES OVER BENDIGO IN BASKETBALL BLITZ

Bendigo will host a week of elite basketball in September, delivering a major economic boost to the region.

The annual pre-season NBL Blitz will be staged at Bendigo Stadium from 2-6 September, bringing together all 10 NBL teams from across Australia and New Zealand.

It's a slam dunk for thousands of basketball fans, with 10 games over five days.

The next generation will also get the chance to meet their heroes with clinics and school visits.

The event will add another chapter to Bendigo's proud basketball history.

The city hosted Melbourne United and homegrown hero Dash Daniels for two packed games in January.

A further two games will be played in 2027.

The announcement comes as upgrades continue on the Bendigo Stadium, including two new indoor courts and the recently completed lighting for the outdoor netball courts.

The NBL Blitz is supported by the Allan Labor Government's Regional Events Fund, which helps create jobs, boost tourism and showcase communities across the state.

For more information including ticketing details, visit www.NBL.com.au

Quotes attributable to Premier of Victoria and Member for Bendigo East Jacinta Allan

"I know how important basketball is to my hometown, and bringing the NBL Blitz to Bendigo is a huge win for the region."

"Not only will this inspire young basketballers, it will bring more visitors to Bendigo's hotels, restaurants and cafes – boosting our visitor economy."

Quote attributable to Minister for Tourism Natalie Suleyman

"The NBL Blitz is exactly the kind of event we want to see in regional Victoria – it will drive tourism, support local, small and family businesses and inspire the next generation of athletes across the state."

Quote attributable to Member for Bendigo East Maree Edwards

"Local fans flocked to catch Melbourne United in January and will embrace the opportunity to see all 10 NBL teams in action – it will be an incredible moment for our community."

Quote attributable to Visit Victoria CEO Brendan McClements

"The NBL Blitz will showcase Bendigo as a must-see destination and give fans plenty of time to see what else the city and region have to offer."