

## THE COMMONWEALTH COMES TO MELBOURNE

Melbourne will proudly host the XVIII Commonwealth Games in 2006.

It will be the largest sporting event ever staged in Melbourne.

### Games Overview

#### When is it on?

- 15 – 26 March 2006
- 12 days (inclusive of Opening Ceremony)

#### What will the weather be like?

- March is typically a month of mild, fine and stable weather
- Average daily temperature 24°C
- Average daytime humidity 68%
- Average monthly rainfall 40 – 45mm

#### Who's coming?

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| • Nations             | 71   |
| • Athletes            | 4500 |
| • Team officials      | 1500 |
| • Technical officials | 1200 |

#### Media

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| • Host Broadcast and Rights Holders | 1400 |
| • Non-Rights Holders                | 1700 |

#### What's on?

- 16 sports, 24 disciplines

#### What else can I see?

- Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Cultural program in Melbourne's cultural precinct, including Federation Square, Birrarung Marr, Alexandra Gardens and Southbank

#### Where are the athletes staying?

- Parkville, four km from CBD
- Open for 25 days; 5 – 29 March 2006
- 20 hectare site
- Medium density design
- 6000 capacity in Games mode
- High level of athlete comfort –international zone and residential zone
- Less than 15 minutes to city centre

#### Where can I get more info?

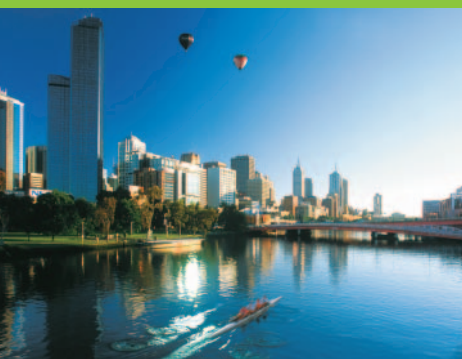
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## Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Venues

<b>SPORT</b>	<b>DISCIPLINE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
<b>Aquatics</b>	Diving Swimming Synchronised Swimming	Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre
<b>Athletics</b>	Track & Field Marathon Walks	Melbourne Cricket Ground start and finish at Melbourne Cricket Ground Docklands Precinct
<b>Badminton</b>		Melbourne Exhibition Centre
<b>Basketball</b>	Finals Preliminaries Preliminaries Preliminaries Preliminaries	Melbourne Park Ballarat Minerdome Traralgon Sports Stadium* Bendigo Stadium Geelong Arena
<b>Boxing</b>		Melbourne Exhibition Centre
<b>Cycling</b>	Track Road Mountain Bike	Melbourne Park Royal Botanic Gardens State Mountain Bike Course (Lysterfield Park)
<b>Gymnastics</b>	Artistic Rhythmic	Rod Laver Arena (Melbourne Park) Rod Laver Arena (Melbourne Park)
<b>Hockey</b>		State Netball Hockey Centre
<b>Lawn Bowls</b>		State Lawn Bowls Centre
<b>Netball</b>	Preliminaries Finals	State Netball Hockey Centre Melbourne Park
<b>Rugby 7s</b>		Telstra Dome
<b>Shooting</b>	Clay Target Full Bore Pistol, Small Bore	Melbourne Gun Club (Lilydale) Wellsford Rifle Range (Bendigo) Melbourne International Shooting Club
<b>Squash</b>		Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre
<b>Table Tennis</b>		Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre
<b>Triathlon</b>		St Kilda Foreshore
<b>Weightlifting</b>		Melbourne Exhibition Centre
<b>Opening Ceremony Closing Ceremony</b>		Melbourne Cricket Ground Melbourne Cricket Ground

\* Venue to be confirmed