

VICTORIA 2026   

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

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**Commonwealth Games
Delivery**



Setting the Scene

~7,000 Athletes
and officials

Over 1 million+
tickets

Global TV and
online audience

Up to 15,000
volunteers

Over \$3 billion to
Victorian
economy



Governance

Victoria 2026 Organising Committee

The Organising Committee is responsible for sports and games operations, temporary overlay, cultural programs, and commercial arrangements.

- Established Commonwealth Games Organising Committee, headquartered in Geelong
- Partnership with Commonwealth Games Federation and Commonwealth Games Australia
- Appointed Chair of the Board - Peggy O'Neal AO
- Appointed Chair of the First Peoples Leadership Group - Belinda Duarte AM

Office of the Commonwealth Games (OCG)

OCG is responsible for, providing support and oversight of the OC's obligations under a funding agreement between the State of Victoria and the OC.

- Established the Office of the Commonwealth Games, within the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions
- In partnership with Development Victoria, responsible for delivering the sporting infrastructure investments





Bringing Victoria the best of Sport & Para Sport

VICTORIA 2026 

NINE PARA SPORTS

- Para Swimming
- Para Triathlon
- Para Powerlifting
- Para Athletics
- 3x3 Wheelchair Basketball
- Cycling Para Track
- Para Lawn Bowls
- Para Table Tennis
- Shooting Para Sport

TWENTY SPORTS

- Aquatics (Swimming; Diving)
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Beach Volleyball
- Boxing
- Coastal Rowing
- Cricket T20 Women's
- Cycling:
 - BMX
 - Mountain Bike
 - Road Race,
 - Time Trial
 - Criterium
 - Track

- Golf
- Gymnastics (Artistic)
- Hockey
- Lawn Bowls
- Netball
- Rugby Sevens
- Shooting
- Squash
- Table Tennis
- Triathlon
- Weightlifting
- 3x3 Basketball

Community engagement



Maximising local supply chain opportunities



Prioritising regional, First Peoples and social procurement



Increasing capacity and skills in key industries



Early procurement commencing in 2023



Artist impression: Eureka Stadium, Ballarat

Villages

Four Games villages, ~7000 athletes and officials

Games Village development is progressing through design and procurement phases, in close consultation with local government, Traditional Owners and key stakeholders.

The Expressions of Interest process was very successful, with Requests for Proposals sent to shortlisted contractors.

Cultural Heritage Management Plans (CHMPs) have been approved for Morwell and Bendigo and are progressing for Geelong and Ballarat.

Main works construction commencement targeted by end 2023.



Venues

Three major venue investments

Eureka Stadium, Ballarat (athletics and para-athletics) - \$150 million

- Additional 5,000 permanent seats
- Permanent warm up track, clubhouse and carpark - retained for legacy use as a community athletics facility post games
- DDA access upgrades, fencing and landscaping

Armstrong Creek (swimming, para-swimming and diving) and Wurn Ponds (gymnastics; weightlifting and para-powerlifting) - \$292 million

- Providing world-class venues during Victoria 2026, and leaving a significant sporting and community legacy
- Delivering a new community pool, high-ball courts and brand new facilities and public open spaces
- Brand new multi-sport venue transformed after the Games into high-ball courts, a dance studio, and regional-level gymnastics venue



Timeline to 2026



2022 Mobilisation

- Authorise governance structures, with CGF and CGA
- Finalise sporting program
- Finalise village & venue locations
- Activate consultation and event planning



2023 Planning

- Design and procure villages & venues
- Local supply chain procurement
- Transport & security planning
- Technology and broadcast planning and procurement



2024 Delivery

- Village & venue construction underway
- Finalise sporting schedule
- Activate local workforces and volunteers



2025 Readiness

- Temporary venues installed
- Ticket campaign launch
- Warm-up and test events
- Demonstrations and showcases



2026 + Game On

- **VICTORIA 2026**
17 - 29 March