

## **Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events, Martin Pakula – Melbourne International 3 Day Event**



On behalf of the Victorian Government, welcome to the sporting and major events capital of Australia and proud host of the 2019 Melbourne International 3 Day Event.

Victoria lives and breathes sport, and no one puts on a show like we do.

Over the next three days one of our nation's best equestrian venues Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre will host Australia's premier eventing competition.

More than 250 competitors from around Australia and across the globe will be vying for a range of national titles in dressage, cross-country and show jumping.

The cross-country course winds its way past the Werribee Park Open Range Zoo, the beautiful Mansion Hotel and Spa, through the stunning State Rose Garden and across the Werribee Park Polo fields and National Equestrian Centre.

Our nation's best competitors will be out to impress to secure their spot on the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and World Equestrian Games teams.

Hosting drawcards such as the Melbourne International 3 Day Event, and doing it so well, is why Victoria is renowned as the capital of elite sporting competition and major events.

We're proud to support this event through our \$17.7 million *Significant Sporting Events Program*.

More than 500 events have been funded through the *Significant Sporting Events Program* alone and more than half of those events were held in regional Victoria, boosting local jobs and economies.

When you're not at the Melbourne International 3 Day Event, I encourage you to explore the many attractions that Melbourne, Geelong and the Bellarine region has to offer.

Whether it be the famous laneways that house some of the world's best food and wine, our stunning museums and galleries, the pristine surf coast, our Great Ocean Road or beyond, there is something for everyone to experience and enjoy.

I hope all competitors, volunteers, fans and visitors enjoy the 2019 Melbourne International 3 Day Event.

**THE HON MARTIN PAKULA MP**  
**Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events**