

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events, Steve Dimopoulos



On behalf of the Victorian Government, I'd like to welcome you to Melbourne for the 2025 Etchells World Championship at the Royal Brighton Yacht Club.

This is the pinnacle of Etchells racing around the world and it's an honour to have this prestigious Championship back in Victoria for the first time since 2009.

Over the next five days we're going to enjoy some action-packed racing on the beautiful waters of Port Phillip Bay, with over 150 sailors taking to the water and striving for glory.

I'd like to thank the Royal Brighton Yacht Club for hosting the Championship, including a series of additional activities in the lead up to our opening races.

We're proud to support the 2025 Etchells World Championship through our *Significant Sporting Events Program*. The Program helps organisations deliver national and international sporting events across Victoria.

Since the Program's inception in 2010, it has secured more than 1,050 events for Victoria, keeping local businesses busy, hotels and shopping strips bustling and our economy strong.

These events also help maintain Victoria's place as the sporting capital of Australia.

There are so many things to see and do in and around Melbourne while you're here, including our world-famous food and drink scene. Please explore the many sights and experiences our city has to offer if you get the opportunity.

Good luck to all competitors and officials and have a great time while you're here.

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