



Media Release

Victoria State Emergency Service

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The games are on in joint agency launch

The Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES) together with Victoria Police and the Police and Emergency Services Minister, Lisa Neville will today launch what will be another successful year of the Victoria Police and Emergency Services Games (VP&ES).

VICSES volunteers and staff, police, paramedics and firefighters will be amongst the 3000 participants primed and packed for a competitive ten day event promoting health and wellbeing along with a healthy rivalry whilst building relationships across the emergency services cohort.

Starting on Friday 22 March, the event is a great opportunity for the organisations to come together and foster the relationships between each agency.

The Victoria Police and Emergency Games is an annual sporting event promoting fitness, health and comradeship of emergency service members across the emergency services. This year the games will include a variety of sports from basketball to AFL, indoor cricket, netball, equestrian, lawn bowls, swimming, cross-country running and surfing. Rock climbing will also be reintroduced this year.

VICSES has proudly been competing in the Games since 2002, and has since seen the number of participants grow each year, with over 100 signing up in 2018.

Joining the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) launch will be former Australian sport stars Steve Moneghetti and Bryce McGain.

For more info on the Victoria Police Emergency Service Games, visit www.emergencyservicesgames.org.au

Quotes attributable to Tim Wiebusch, VICSES Chief Officer

"We all know the benefits of an active lifestyle and the positive impact it can have on our physical and mental health and wellbeing. Finding time for family, friends, sport or exercise is a challenge we all face, but it is particularly important for our emergency responders who often are working in challenge situations."

"The Victoria Police and Emergency Services Games are about more than competition, they are an opportunity for us to come together, to prioritise our own physical and mental health and invest in the friendships that characterise the spirit of the Games, relationship that become so important when We Work As One to support the Victorian community."

"You don't need to be an elite athlete to get involved as there is a vast number of sporting events that means there is something for everyone in our emergency responders, especially our volunteers across the sector, so get involved."

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