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QUEEN'S BATON ON SHOW AT THE MELBOURNE MUSEUM

Victorians will be among the first to see the Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton in person before it embarks on its epic one year journey across the Commonwealth.

Unveiling the Baton display at the Melbourne Museum, the Minister for the Commonwealth Games, Justin Madden, invited all Victorians to a free sneak preview of the state-of-the-art Baton this weekend only.

"This is the most technologically advanced Baton in the history of the Games," Mr Madden said.

"It's also a testament to Victorian design and innovation, reflecting decades of vision and investment in research and development."

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Museum Victoria, Joseph Corponi said the Museum was honoured to be hosting the baton this weekend.

"As a leading cultural institution, we are delighted that thousands of Victorians will be able to share in the excitement of the Games, right here at Melbourne Museum," Mr Corponi said.

The Baton will be on display in the foyer of the Museum, Carlton Gardens, Nicholson Street, Carlton from 24 – 27 February 2005.

The Baton begins its journey on 14 March 2005 from Buckingham Palace and will visit all 71 Commonwealth nations. The relay will be the longest and most inclusive in Games history.

The XVIII Commonwealth Games will be held from 15 – 26 March 2006 bringing together 4,500 athletes from 71 nations.