



The Place To Be

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2006 MELBOURNE COMMONWEALTH GAMES TO GENERATE JOBS

The Bracks Government is funding 400 major events traineeships for young people wanting Commonwealth Games related occupations.

The Minister for the Commonwealth Games, Justin Madden, and the Minister for Education and Training, Lynne Kosky, today announced \$175,000 to promote the *Ready Event Go!* traineeship initiative.

Mr Madden said the program targeted 15 to 24 year olds who want to work in the sport and recreation, cultural or arts sectors.

“A major lesson learnt from the Sydney Olympics and other major events is that they generate a rapid rise in sports and cultural activity participation rates, which results in an increased demand for a skilled workforce in those sectors,” Mr Madden said.

“Similarly, the 2006 Games will generate significant growth in these sectors. Visitors to Australia will want to experience some of our State’s most famous cultural activities. The excitement of the Games will motivate people to get involved in sports and recreation activities.

“Victoria has a proud reputation for hosting major events like the Melbourne Festival, the Australian Open and in 2006, the Commonwealth Games.

“*Ready Event Go!* will grow a Games-experienced workforce with skills that can be transferred to other major events.”

The Minister for Education and Training, Lynne Kosky, said businesses should start thinking about their staffing requirements.

“Businesses can make the most of this tremendous growth opportunity by ensuring they have addressed their workforce needs,” Ms Kosky said.

“*Ready Event Go!* provides access to eager young people who can learn from the Games experience.

“Young people are being given an opportunity to build careers in two of Victoria’s most vibrant sectors.”

VERVE – Knowledge and Skills has been appointed to implement the initiative. A strategy to help all Victorian industries benefit from the Games will be released later this year.

For further information on *Ready Event Go!* visit www.dvc.vic.gov.au/commonwealth_games

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