

Media Release

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FREE FAN FESTIVAL ADDS TO GRAND PRIX EXCITEMENT

The FORMULA 1 AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX is back and bigger than ever in 2025 with a free, family friendly Fan Festival for F1 fans of all ages.

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos today announced the free festival will kick off at Melbourne Park Oval on Wednesday, 12 March before wrapping up after the main race on Sunday, 16 March.

The five-day festival will feature appearances from sport stars and entertainment icons and will be packed with all sorts of activities, including virtual Driver Selfies, the F1® Blast Lane and an F1® show car.

The festival will have a dedicated video gaming lounge, food and drinks, and will also give fans the chance to get up close with drivers during live interviews and Q&A sessions.

Tickets to the FORMULA 1 AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX are already sold out for Saturday and Sunday, but anyone can attend the Fan Festival and watch races and exclusive live crosses straight from the track – while soaking up the atmosphere of the Grand Prix, for free.

The Grand Prix's attendance numbers grow year on year – attracting people of all ages from around the world, across Australia and all over Victoria. The Fan Festival is the latest addition to this exciting global sporting event, which offers significant benefits to the state.

For more information about the F1 Melbourne Fan Festival 2025, and for tickets to this year's FORMULA 1 AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX, visit grandprix.com.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos

"We know families are feeling the pinch, so we're inviting Victorians to come and be part of this iconic, globally-loved event at the free family festival."

"No other city in the world has an international Grand Slam, a Formula One Grand Prix, and soon regular season NFL games – Melbourne is the undeniable major events capital of Australia, which creates thousands of jobs for Victorians."

Quotes attributable to Australian Grand Prix Corporation CEO Travis Auld

"I am thrilled to share that this year we are expanding the Grand Prix experience and taking over Melbourne, with the announcement of the free F1 Melbourne Fan Festival 2025 at Melbourne Park Oval."

"Race week is such an exciting time in the city, and this festival will be an extension of the incredible offerings already available within the Albert Park Grand Prix Circuit."

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