

Unigames set to fly

“An experience that paves the way to professional competition”

The 2008 Australian University Games were launched last month by patrons former Olympic swimmer Brooke Hanson and St Kilda's Luke Ball.

Guests attending the launch were treated to a taste of the action they can expect to see during these Games with a very excitable green clad volunteer cheer squad and two teams representing the partner universities of Monash and Victoria University demonstrating the sport of 'Ultimate Frisbee' which is one of the most popular sports being contested at the Games

St Kilda's Luke Ball was so impressed with the skill and style of this fledging sport, which involves throwing and catching a flying disc (frisbee) he referred to it as "unbelievable frisbee" in his acknowledgement address. Luke is currently studying towards his Bachelor Degree in Commerce through Monash.

Celebrating its 15th year and the return to Melbourne as the host city, the 2008 Australian University Games is predicted to attract in excess of 6000 event

participants to Melbourne from September 28 – October 3 with 28 sports being contested.

Lord Mayor of Melbourne, John So said: "This September, approximately 6000 participants, officials and volunteers will arrive in our city, their minds set on a national title. Not only will they receive our famous Melbourne hospitality, they'll compete on world-class sports fields and high-tech indoor centres. It will be an experience they will never forget and, for some, one that paves the way to professional competition. The City of Melbourne is proud to support this iconic Australian event."

The Games are Australia's largest annual multi sport event and have built a reputation as a not-to-be-missed event for over 40 universities each year. The event is operated by the peak governing body of university sport in Australia, Australian University Sport.

The Games are renowned for providing a friendly yet competitive environment for Australia's university sporting elite. Participants will be able to compete in:

Athletics, Australian Rules Football, Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Cycling, Fencing, Golf, Handball, Hockey, Judo, Kendo, Lawn Bowls, Netball, Rugby Union 7's, Soccer, Softball, Squash, Swimming, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Tennis, Tenpin Bowling, Touch, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball and Water Polo.

The Games will operate with support from Australian Sports Commission, Tourism Victoria, City of Melbourne, Victorian Government and partner universities; Monash University and Victoria University.

Entries close for competitors on August 22 and the Games Opening Ceremony will be held at Melbourne Town Hall on Sunday September 28 from 7pm

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