

GETTING INVOLVED

About Getting Involved

Getting Involved is an initiative that supports local communities across Victoria to celebrate the 2006 Commonwealth Games in their own way.

Underpinned by a \$4.5 million grants program, *Getting Involved* encourages communities to stage their own Games-related activities that will leave lasting benefits, ranging from better connections between people to better street furniture.

Led by local Councils, *Get Involved* Teams have been established to work as mini organising committees on a schedule of activities.

Additional information

There are lots of ways communities are celebrating the Games. Here are some of the things happening in the lead up to March 2006:

- welcoming the Queen's Baton Relay as it moves across Victoria
- hosting 'come 'n' try' sports and leisure days to introduce people to new pastimes
- adopting a second Commonwealth nation to learn more about their culture and welcoming them to Victoria

- being part of the day of statewide activity, 'Warming up for the Games' on **Sunday 20 November 2005**
- building lasting reminders, whether it's street furniture, a plaque or public art.

Lasting benefits

Getting Involved is about strengthening communities through the Games.

The activities it triggers will bring people together – as organisers, participants or just observers – and inspire a sense of belonging.

Activities will also raise the profile of community groups (from historical societies to sports clubs), which is a great starting point for those wanting to become more active in their area.

The local government sector is also expected to benefit. Many Councils – because of their proximity or because they have adopted the same Commonwealth nation – are forming new links by working together.

For more information visit www.dvc.vic.gov.au/commonwealth_games

