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NSW to Host 2014 Australian University Games

NSW Minister for Tourism and Major Events, George Souris and Minister for Sport and Recreation, Graham Annesley, today announced that NSW has secured the Australian University Games, with Sydney to host to the 2014 competition.

“It will be the first time in 13 years that the Australian University Games will take place in Sydney - a five day event from Sunday 28th September to Friday 3rd October 2014,” Mr Souris said.

“The games will see 6,500 student athletes, along with team officials, staff and volunteers from more than 35 national universities taking part in 30 sports, including 5,000 athletes from interstate.”

“It will be staged at some of Sydney’s world class sporting venues and universities including The University of Sydney, Macquarie University, University of NSW and University of Technology Sydney, as well as our spectacular beaches and harbour.”

The Australian University Games is an annual multi-sport event held each year between teams from Australian universities and tertiary institutions. Sports include Athletics, Rugby 7’s, Basketball, Tennis, Cycling, Beach Volleyball, Badminton and Sailing.

Mr Annesley said: “NSW is the natural home of sport and this new addition to the NSW Events Calendar highlights our rich sporting history and tradition. This event will allow us to once again showcase our sporting diversity.

“I look forward to welcoming these young athletes and sporting officials from around the nation to our spectacular city, sharing with them our world class sporting facilities and all that our city has to offer.

“It also provides a great opportunity for members of the public to experience high level of competition with free entry to all events,” Mr Annesley added.

Destination NSW CEO, Sandra Chipchase, said: “Not only will athletes be able to compete, they will be able to enjoy Sydney’s great art and cultural activities at their door step.”

“Sydney is the gateway to regional NSW and the games provide a great opportunity for thousands of athletes, officials and spectators from interstate to explore the best that regional NSW has to offer.”