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NATIONAL SPORTS MUSEUM
moments that made us

What a game!
National Sports Museum gets bigger and better

A new, bigger and better interactive hall and a sports cinema will open on Monday March 30 at the MCG's National Sports Museum (NSM), as part of Stage 2 developments for this major tourist attraction.

Game On is a new 'hands, feet and bottoms-on' area within the museum. It's an extension of the original interactive gallery, but this time offering a larger range of sporting activities from cricket, football, bike racing, soccer and archery as well as a newspaper "sports-desk" interactive, multi-media screens and a comprehensive list of sporting world records. There will also be a new netball interactive, designed to inspire young players with images of Australian netballers from the 2008 International Test Series.

Visitors enter into the area via a portion of the actual running track from the 2006 Commonwealth Games and into a world of action – they can test their own goal kicking skills against AFL players, run out Adam Gilchrist on a virtual cricket pitch, test their hand-eye co-ordination and kick, throw, shoot, ride, race and run to their heart's content. It's the perfect place for kids (of all ages) to let off steam!

NSM Cinema Sport, a newly-built cinema screen, will offer non-stop sporting action, screening two 10-minute films created especially for the NSM. The opening program will include an expose of *Skeleton,* one of the most dangerous alpine sports and a film dedicated to champion racing car driver Peter Brock's domination at Bathurst, titled *King of the Mountain.* An edited version of the surfing blockbuster *Bustin' Down the Door*, which showcases some of the best Australian surfers and their impact on the international surfing circuit, will screen alongside these two films from late-April.

The area will be enhanced by objects from the museum's collection, including a racing wheelchair, a collection of historic and contemporary rowing oars and javelins and promotional banners and a drum from 1940s boxing bouts.

The National Sports Museum opened in March 2008 at the MCG (Gate 3, Olympic Stand) and is Australia's first fully dedicated sports museum. Entry to the above attractions is included in general admission charges.

Visit www.nsm.org.au for opening times and other information.

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