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COMMUNITY OPEN DAY & NIGHT DETAILS ANNOUNCED FOR NEW ALLIANZ STADIUM

With the final piece of turf now laid and the last seats in place, tickets are now available for a free community Open Day and Night on Sunday, 28 August at the new Allianz Stadium, headlined by Australian music superstars Guy Sebastian and Baker Boy.

Opening Day, running from 11am-3pm, will see the doors open to the community to explore the venue's many new features for the first time, including a behind-the-scenes tour of the change rooms, meeting their favourite Sydney Roosters, Sydney FC and NSW Waratahs players, and an opportunity to have a kick on the new world-class playing surface.

Opening Night will kick off from 5pm, with dancers, light shows, large-scale projections and pyrotechnics, headlined by live performances from Australian music icons Guy Sebastian and Baker Boy.

Minister Ayres said the completion of the stadium was a testament to the NSW Government's commitment to deliver state-changing infrastructure.

"Having a world-class stadium in the heart of a thriving sport, entertainment and hospitality precinct on the cusp of Sydney's CBD will help ensure our state continues to host the best sporting and entertainment talent in the world," Mr Ayres said.

"This state-of-the-art venue has the best community and player facilities in the country and I can't wait for everyone to experience it during our unmissable Open Day and Night.

"I know it's been a long time coming for fans, but I know as soon as they step inside, they'll see the wait was worth it.

Fans won't just enjoy being closer to the action they'll also enjoy a 360-degree open concourse inside and outside the venue, steep seating angles providing an unforgettable event-day experience, better accessibility and the very best in-stadium Merivale food and beverage offering.

Minister Ayres was joined at the stadium unveiling by Indigenous artist Tony Albert,

who was the artistic force behind the new stadium's seat design.

Mr Albert said through his artwork, that illustrates the concept *Two Worlds Colliding: Water & Land*, he embedded the idea of Country on top of the stadium creating an element of friendly yet fierce competition.

"Each end of the stadium is separated and distinguished by two different designs symbolising land and water – the land through geometric lines taken from nature, and the bubble of concentric circles for water," Mr Albert said.

The seat design is one of six artworks that make up the new stadium's public art program of art installations and recreational facilities that feature in the precinct, which can be seen during the community open day.

"We are inviting people to come out and enjoy a very special day and night. It will be the first opportunity for fans to experience first-hand how close to the action they will be and be entertained by Guy Sebastian and Baker Boy."

The community can secure up to six free tickets per transaction to Opening Day (11am-3pm) and/or Opening Night (5pm-9pm). Tickets, which include public transport to and from the venue, can be secured from 12pm Tuesday 2 August via Ticketek:

<https://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=COMMOPEN22>

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Following the free community event the stadium will host three blockbuster events across five days when it opens on September 2, with the first match to be the NRL's famous rivalry between the Sydney Roosters and South Sydney Rabbitohs.

The Wallabies will then take on the reigning Rugby World Cup winners South Africa on Saturday, September 3 and to cap it all off, the Commonwealth Bank Matildas will host Tokyo 2020 Olympic gold medal winners Canada on Tuesday, September 6 in an international friendly.

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