



**AFC
WOMEN'S
ASIAN CUP
AUSTRALIA
2026™**

FNSW Club Development Conference

February 2026



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AGENDA

1. AFC Women's Asian Cup 2026™ Overview
2. Trophy Road Trip
3. Football Club Activity Book
4. Live Sites / Watch Parties

**REWRITING
THE STORY
OF WHO
FOOTBALL
BELONGS TO.**



Girls in Football: Why we're here





1.

AFC Women's Asian Cup 2026™

1 – 21 March 2026

Perth | Gold Coast | Sydney

Teams

**How many teams are competing in the
Women's Asian Cup 2026?**

8

12

16



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AUSTRALIA



KOREA REPUBLIC



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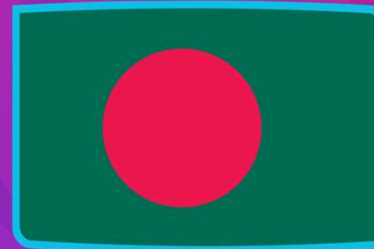
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DPR KOREA



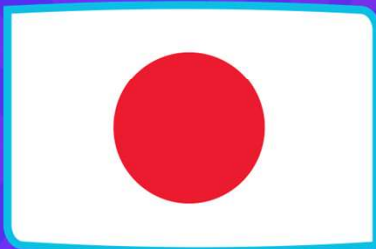
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JAPAN



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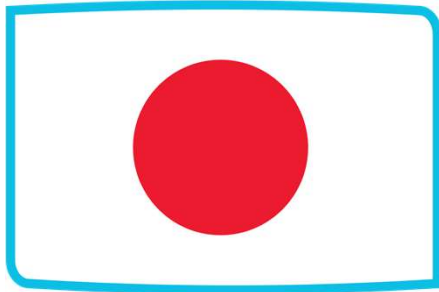
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CHINESE TAIPEI

The Competition

Who do you think is the number one ranked team heading into the Women's Asian Cup?



JAPAN



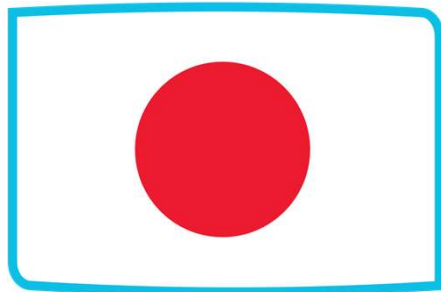
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1 JAPAN

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DPR Korea

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Australia

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

China PR

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Korea Republic

FIFA RANK

TEAMS

8		Japan – The only Asian team to have won a FIFA Women's World Cup, the side is full of stars who play in the top leagues. Semi-finalist in 2022, they are eyeing a third continental crown.
9		DPR Korea – A powerhouse returning for the first time since 2010 and with three titles under their belt, they're here to make a statement.
15		Australia - The hosts and former champions, Australia are aiming to lift the trophy on home soil for the first time, having last won the title in their historic 2010 triumph.
17		China PR – The defending champions and record-holders with nine AFC Women's Asian Cup titles – always a major force.
21		Korea Republic – 2022 Women's Asian Cup runners-up, they'll be hungry for a maiden title in their 14th straight campaign
36		Vietnam –Quarter-finalists in 2022 looking to break new ground in their 10th consecutive Women's Asian Cup appearance after their maiden FIFA World Cup appearance in 2023.
40		Chinese Taipei – A proud history with three titles, they returned to the AFC Women's Asian Cup with a quarter-final finish in 2022 after a 14-year absence.
41		Philippines – Fresh from a breakout semi-final run in the 2022 tournament to qualify for their first FIFA World Cup in 2023, the Filipinas are out to cement their place among Asia's best.
49		Uzbekistan – Back at the tournament for the first time in 23 years, they'll be hungry to make history by reaching the knockout stage for the first time in 2026.
67		India – Hosts of the 2022 Women's Asian Cup, but could not play play due to an outbreak of COVID. Sealed their spot in 2026 with a blistering, unbeaten qualifying run, showing they're a force to be reckoned with.
68		IR Iran – Qualified while their country was suffering airstrikes. Making just their second-ever appearance, they return with growing belief, gritty determination, and eyes firmly set on shaking up the established order.
112		Bangladesh – The only tournament debutantes in 2026, they topped a very tough group with a perfect qualifying campaign, marking a major milestone in their rapid rise on the Asian football stage.

3 HOST CITIES – PERTH, SYDNEY, GOLD COAST



**PERTH
STADIUM**



**PERTH RECTANGULAR
STADIUM**



**STADIUM
AUSTRALIA**



**WESTERN
SYDNEY STADIUM**



**GOLD
COAST STADIUM**

5 WORLD-CLASS STADIUMS

27
MATCHES
ACROSS
21
ACTION-
PACKED
DAYS



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2026

MATCH SCHEDULE

1-21 March 2026 | Australia



GROUP STAGE

KNOCKOUT STAGE

AFC WOMEN'S ASIAN CUP AUSTRALIA 2026		Match Day 1				Match Day 2			Match Day 3			Quarter-Finals		Semi-Finals		POs		Final				
		Sunday 1 March	Monday 2 March	Tuesday 3 March	Wednesday 4 March	Thursday 5 March	Friday 6 March	Saturday 7 March	Sunday 8 March	Monday 9 March	Tuesday 10 March	Wednesday 11 March	Thursday 12 March	Friday 13 March	Saturday 14 March	Sunday 15 March	Monday 16 March	Tuesday 17 March	Wednesday 18 March	Thursday 19 March	Friday 20 March	Saturday 21 March
PERTH BOORLOO	Perth Stadium (60,000)	01 17:00 AUS vs PHI																23 18:00 W20 v W19				
	Perth Rectangular Stadium (19,500)				06 13:00 JPN vs TPE 06 19:00 VIE vs IND			11 13:00 TPE vs VIE 12 19:00 IND vs JPN		15 17:00 BAN vs UZB	17 17:00 JPN vs VIE			19 18:00 2A v 2B	20 13:00 1B v 2C							
GOLD COAST KOMBUMERRI COUNTRY	Gold Coast Stadium (28,000)		02 19:00 KOR vs IRN			07 13:00 PHI vs KOR 08 19:00 IRN vs AUS				13 19:00 IRN vs PHI										25 13:00 L21 v L22 26 19:00 L20 v L19		
SYDNEY GADIGAL	Stadium Australia (79,500)								14 20:00 AUS vs KOR					21 20:00 1A v 3BC		22 18:00 1C v 3AB			24 20:00 W21 v W22			
	Western Sydney Stadium (30,000)			03 13:00 PRK vs UZB 04 19:00 CHN vs BAN			06 13:00 BAN vs PRK 10 19:00 UZB vs CHN			16 20:00 PRK vs CHN	18 20:00 IND vs TPE											27 20:00 FINAL

All Kick off times are shown in local time (Sydney: GMT+11; Gold Coast: GMT+10; Perth: GMT+8).

Group A		
A1	Australia	(AUS)
A2	Korea Republic	(KOR)
A3	Islamic Republic of Iran	(IRN)
A4	Philippines	(PHI)

Group B		
B1	DPR Korea	(PRK)
B2	China PR	(CHN)
B3	Bangladesh	(BAN)
B4	Uzbekistan	(UZB)

Group C		
C1	Japan	(JPN)
C2	Vietnam	(VIE)
C3	India	(IND)
C4	Chinese Taipei	(TPE)

OFFICIAL GLOBAL PARTNERS



OFFICIAL GLOBAL SUPPORTERS





CELEBRATING 50 YEARS
LOCAL OPPORTUNITY - GLOBAL LEGACY



LONG BEFORE THE WORLD WAS WATCHING

The AFC Women's Asian Cup is **oldest official international women's football competition in the world**, with the inaugural edition being played in 1975 in Hong Kong. It was then called Asian Cup Ladies Football Tournament.

THE FIRST MATILDAS

In 1975, Australia's first-ever senior women's national football team represented the country at the inaugural AFC Women's Asian Cup. This pioneering squad laid the foundation for women's football in Australia, marking the nation's first foray into international competition. In recognition of their trailblazing role, Football Australia formally recognised them as the First Matildas.



THE LAST CHAPTER - 2006



The last time Australia hosted the AFC Women's Asian Cup was 20 years ago in Adelaide.

The final between Australia and China was played in front of 5,000 people with China winning on penalties to clinch their eighth title.



2010 – A ONCE-IN-A-GENERATION WIN



The only time Australia has won the AFC Women's Asian Cup was 2010 – it is still the only trophy the Matildas, have won proving just how hard it is to clinch.

Overcoming several injury setbacks and monsoonal conditions, they beat DPR Korea on penalties, in front of just 1,200 fans at Chengdu Sports Centre,

Now, as we gear up to hold the AFC Women's Asian Cup on home soil in 2026, we're preparing for a final that could fill an 80,000-seat stadium



AFC

WOMEN'S ASIAN CUP AUSTRALIA 2026™

OUR GOAL IS SIMPLE

To deliver the **most attended AFC Women's Asian Cup ever** – while strengthening Australia's connection with the **Asian football community** and leaving a **lasting legacy** for women's sport.



AFC WOMEN'S ASIAN CUP AUSTRALIA 2026™

ALREADY BREAKING RECORDS



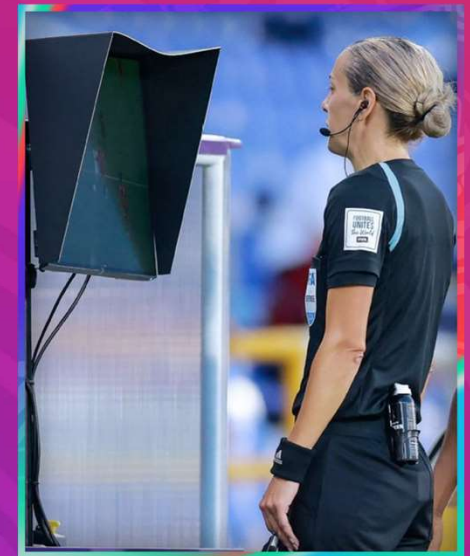
**OVER 150,000
TICKETS SOLD**



**FIRST EVER
MASCOT**



**FIRST EVER
BESPOKE
BALL**



**VIDEO ASSISTANT
REFEREE FOR
EVERY MATCH**



ALL ABOUT CONNECTION

A group of diverse people, including children and adults, are holding hands in a circle over a soccer ball. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent purple and blue gradient. The text is in white, bold, uppercase letters.

AUSTRALIA IS ONE OF THE MOST CULTURALLY DIVERSE COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD.

Of the 47 Member Associations in the AFC
Australia is the most multicultural.



5.1 MILLION

Australians have
heritage from AFC
nations.

3.6 MILLION

Australians have
heritage from the
eleven visiting nations.



**VOLUNTEERS WILL BE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE
TOURNAMENT**

THE BRIDGE BETWEEN CULTURES



REPRESENTATION WILL FUEL
PARTICIPATION

DREAM FEARLESS





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Trophy Road Trip

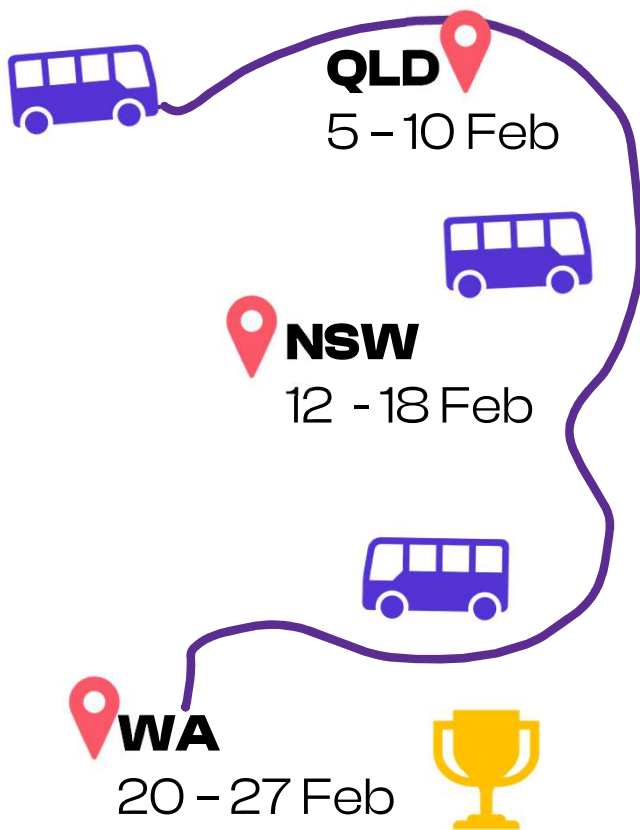
Background



The Trophy Road Trip is on the road throughout February 2026. The goal is to create moments at iconic locations in each host city that will:

- Generate national narrative, excitement, and anticipation
- Support ticket sales by generating social content & sharing with broad reach

Trophy Road Trip – Itinerary



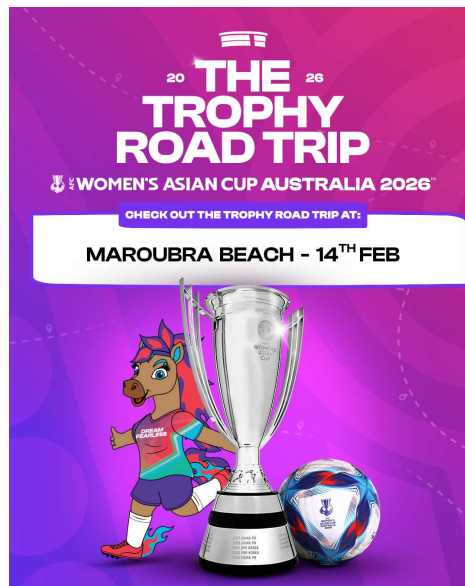
NSW STOPS

Date	Location	Activation
1-Feb	Admiralty House, Sydney	Governor General media op
12-Feb	Manly to Darling Harbour Ferry	Trophy arrival on Sydney Ferry
	Darling Park offices	CommBank
	Chinese Gardens (tbc)	Content capture
13-Feb	Parramatta Square	Public Event
	Western Sydney Stadium, Parramatta	WSW double header
14-Feb	Maroubra Beach	Public Event
	Blue Mountains	Content capture
15-Feb	Sydney	Fair day
17-Feb	Chinese Gardens (tbc)	Content capture
	WSW Blacktown	Multicultural Football Mela
18-Feb	Thomas Hassal & Hackenburg Public School	School visits

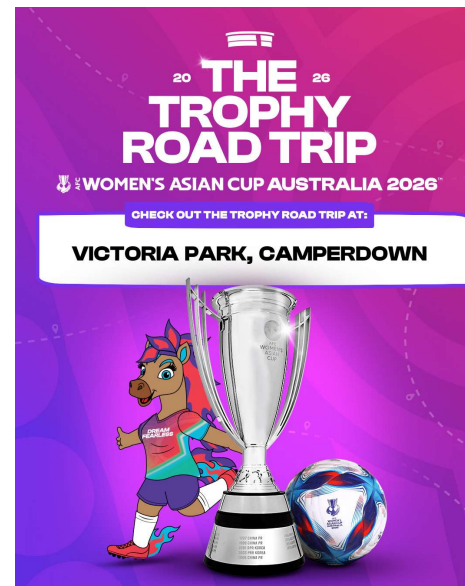
Public Events



Lunchtime Event
Naara & Trophy
&
A Leagues:
WSW Double Header
Western Sydney Stadium



Morning Event
Naara & Trophy



Sun 15th Feb
Mardi Gras Fair Day
10am – 9pm



3.

Football Club

Activity Book

Club Activity Book & Club Hub



- Engaging activities for kids & clubs
- Team profiles, tournament information & schedules
- A great way for clubs and participants across Australia to get involved with the Women's Asian Cup wherever they are located.



www.womensasiancup2026.com.au/club-hub

WELCOME

Australia welcomes the world for the AFC Women's Asian Cup 2026™. In March the best 12 teams in Asia will be battling it out in the first edition of the elite women's football tournament in the world. Packed full of fun activities, challenges and team information this handbook has everything you need to get involved. Let's get started.

WHEN IS IT?

March is the magic month when all the football action takes place!

With 27 epic matches from 1st to 21st March, we can't wait to see you there!

COUNTRIES INVOLVED

AUS Australia
BAN Bangladesh
CHN China
CHN PR Chinese Taipei
IND India
JPN Japan
KOR Korea Republic
PHI Philippines
UZB Uzbekistan
VIE Vietnam

PER Perth Stadium
SYD Sydney Stadium
WHL Westfield White Rabbit

AUSTRALIA

The Matildas are one of Australia's most iconic sporting teams, with stars playing at top clubs worldwide.

MEET THE TEAMS

GROUP A

Known for their skill and speed, the star-squad includes forward Hayley Raso, winger Caitlin Foord, and goalkeeper Mackenzie Arnold.

Backed by passionate fans and inspired by their 2023 World Cup run, the Matildas will aim to continue their upward momentum and chase another milestone in Australia 2026.

BEST PERFORMANCE
 Winner 2010, Runner-up 2006, 2014 & 2018

CAPITAL CITY
 Canberra

KEY PLAYER
 Caitlin Foord

RISING STAR
 Amy Sayer

TOP GOALSCORER
 Berni Kern, 62 Goals

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PHILIPPINES

The Philippines, known as the Filipinas, have risen quickly to become a team to watch with their pace and confidence.

MEET THE TEAMS

GROUP A

Captain Hal Long and experienced players like forward Dionesa Tolentin provide skill and inspiration to their emerging players.

Following their FIFA Women's World Cup™ debut in 2023, the Filipinas will aim to continue their upward momentum and chase another milestone in Australia 2026.

BEST PERFORMANCE
 Debut 2022

CAPITAL CITY
 Manila

KEY PLAYER
 Dionesa Tolentin

RISING STAR
 Nina Madula

TOP GOALSCORER
 Berni Kern, 31 Goals

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COLOUR ME IN

AFC WOMEN'S ASIAN CUP AUSTRALIA 2026™

NAME: _____
 AGE: _____

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FIND A WORD

U B T N H G O A L K E E P E R Y T E W T
 O P L A Y E R I B C H R E F E R E E X R
 J W T A O A Q O A L J S E O F C N O
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POPULATION _____
LANGUAGE _____
FOOD _____
LANDMARKS _____
NONNAME _____

FUN FACTS

WORD JUMBLE

TEAM FLAG

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SUPPORT A TEAM

NAME: _____
 CHOSEN TEAM: _____
 COACH: _____

FIND OUT MORE

POPULATION _____
LANGUAGE _____
FOOD _____
LANDMARKS _____
NONNAME _____

FUN FACTS

WORD JUMBLE

TEAM FLAG

THE BIG WAC QUIZ

- Lucimilla Hernandez is a key player for which team in Group B?
- Which nation is currently #1 in the AFC Women's Rankings?
- Which host stadium has a roof designed like a wave?
- Which nation is making their AFC Women's Asian Cup debut in 2026?
- What year did Perth Rectangular Stadium open?
- How many matches will be played during the tournament?
- Which state will host the AFC Women's Asian Cup Opening Ceremony?
- Finish the sentence, explaining what it means to Dream Fearless: Every... is different. From the... to the... and every... carries their own... Before things get... it's... to... without...
- Which nation are 5-Time Women's Asian Cup Champions?
- Match the nation to their team nickname:
 - Blue Magpies + Vietnam
 - Golden Girls + India
 - Matildas + Chinese Taipei
 - Bengal Tigers + Philippines
 - Shan Shans + Australia
 - China 19 + China 19

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YOUR DREAM FEARLESS JOURNEY

DREAM IT

What does "Dream Fearless" mean to you? Write a few words or draw a picture.

Dream Fearless means...

SEE IT

Visualising is powerful! Draw yourself enjoying your dream - maybe in football boots, on stage, in space?

What's going to be your dream? Write it down. Maybe you'll be a star!

DO IT!

The biggest dreams begin with the smallest steps! What can you do today... practice something you love, try something that scares you?

My fearless activities...

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MEET THE STADIUMS

PERTH / BOORLOO 20.5K

PERTH STADIUM is a multi-purpose stadium in Perth, Western Australia. It is the home stadium of Perth Glory FC.

PERTH RECTANGULAR STADIUM is a multi-purpose stadium in Perth, Western Australia. It is the home stadium of Perth Glory FC.

GOLD COAST / HOMEBURGER COUNTRY 27K

GOLD COAST STADIUM is a multi-purpose stadium in Gold Coast, Queensland. It is the home stadium of Gold Coast United FC.

SYDNEY / GADIGAL 30K

SYDNEY STADIUM is a multi-purpose stadium in Sydney, New South Wales. It is the home stadium of Sydney FC.

WHEELER STADIUM is a multi-purpose stadium in Perth, Western Australia. It is the home stadium of Perth Glory FC.

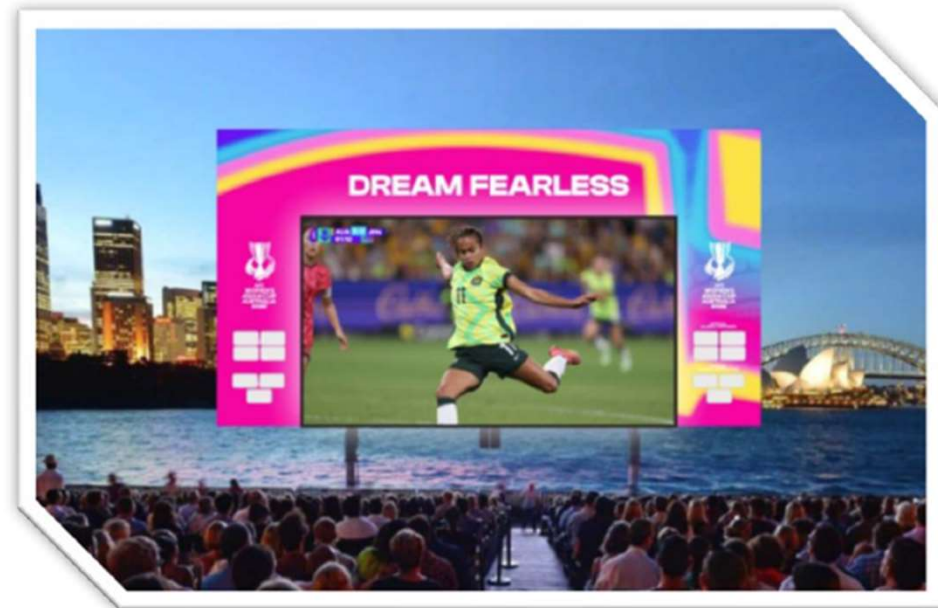
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4. **Live Sites**

Official Live Sites

- Live Sites deliver measurable community engagement, drive visitation, and support local business while celebrating women's football on an international stage
- A public hub where fans come together to watch live AFC Women's Asian Cup 2026 matches
- Deliver family-friendly entertainment: sport, culture, food, and activities
- Creates community connection, pride, and celebration of women's football
- The WAC26 will not be delivering live sites in any city, however, will be creating fan activation zones outside stadiums for ticketholders attending matches



Support Available

WAC2026 LOC can provide support to bring your Live Site to life:



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Branding Assets

Logos
Signage templates
Brand guidelines



Content Schedules

Broadcast timing
Host broadcast feed via application



Marketing Collateral

Social templates
Suggested comms copy
Official 'where to watch' event listing
on WAC26 website



**AFC WOMEN'S ASIAN CUP
AUSTRALIA 2026™**

THE LEGACY BEYOND THE FINAL WHISTLE

The real measure of success won't just be in ticket sales or broadcast numbers – it will be the lasting impact we make. How deeply we strengthen women's football across the region, increase participation and wellbeing, and how we bring communities together through the World Game.



The background is an abstract composition of flowing, wavy lines in shades of purple and magenta, transitioning into a bright red on the right side. Interspersed among these lines are several rows of circles of varying sizes, some solid and some outlined, creating a sense of depth and movement.

Thank You