

PREMIER LEAGUE GIANTS CHELSEA TO PLAY AT PERTH STADIUM IN 2018

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- EPL leaders Chelsea agree to Australia-exclusive match at Perth Stadium against Perth Glory in 2018;
- It will be Chelsea's first visit to Perth in 44 years;
- As many as 15,000 interstate and international visitors expected to be among the capacity crowd of 65,000;
- Chelsea blockbuster the latest major event locked in for the new Perth Stadium.



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CHELSEA FC – one of the world's most popular football clubs and the current leaders of the English Premier League – will play an Australia-exclusive match against Perth Glory at Perth Stadium in 2018.

In a deal struck by Tourism WA – in partnership with Stadium operator VenuesLive and on behalf of the State Government – Chelsea will make their first visit to Western Australia since 1974 to play a match scheduled for late July or early August next year.

A capacity crowd of around 65,000 is anticipated to witness this sporting blockbuster, with Perth Stadium reverting to its rectangular seating configuration.

There are plans for the Chelsea visit to include open training sessions, allowing as many football fans as possible to get up close and personal to the stars.

In announcing the event in Perth, the Premier of Western Australia Colin Barnett, said: "I'm delighted a club as successful as Chelsea will be the first international football team to play at the new, state-of-the-art Perth Stadium.

"With such a strong and appealing brand and millions of followers around the globe, Chelsea Football Club will help shine a light on our city. I look forward to welcoming players, officials and fans to Perth and I trust everyone will enjoy the many unique experiences on offer in Western Australia."

Chelsea FC have been one of the most successful English Premier League clubs of the past 15 years, winning 13 major titles since 2002. In 2009/10, Chelsea won both the Premier League and the FA Cup. Chelsea were also Premier League champions in 2014/15.

Chelsea FC Chairman, Bruce Buck, said: "This is a very exciting opportunity for Chelsea to play in front of some of our most passionate supporters.

"We were delighted with the reception we received in Sydney when we visited in 2015, and now we can look forward to the same in Western Australia.

"We anticipate an excellent match against Perth Glory in what promises to be a fantastic new venue for the city of Perth."

The Chelsea FC blockbuster is the latest major event secured for the new Perth Stadium, which is scheduled to open in early 2018.

Perth Stadium Chief Executive Officer, Mike McKenna, said: "Chelsea FC are one of the biggest clubs in international football, with millions of fans around the globe, so this game will be a huge occasion in Perth and Western Australia.

"It will also showcase the magnificent new Perth Stadium around the world.

"Chelsea FC has a playing squad full of world-class players and Chelsea v Perth Glory will be a must-see event at Perth Stadium for everyone who appreciates sport at its best.

"While this will be a very special event for the people of Western Australia, it will also be an opportunity for many people to visit Perth and experience the new Stadium in 2018."

The National Rugby League has announced that the crucial Game II of the 2019 State of Origin series – rugby league's showcase event – will be played at Perth Stadium.

The Australian Rugby Union has announced that a Bledisloe Cup Test match – the ultimate battle between the Australian Wallabies and New Zealand All Blacks – will be played at Perth Stadium in August 2019.

Mr McKenna said: "Perth Stadium is going to be one of the world's finest stadiums when it opens for business and, in conjunction with Tourism WA and the Government of Western Australia, VenuesLive is focused on building a world-class calendar of events.

“On the back of the State of Origin and Bledisloe Cup announcements, news that EPL giants Chelsea are on their way to Perth will further raise the excitement levels in Western Australia around the new Perth Stadium.”

Perth Stadium is more than 70 per cent complete, with construction on schedule to open in early 2018. The Stadium will be a multi-purpose venue capable of hosting AFL, cricket, football, rugby league and rugby union, plus entertainment events. The Stadium will be integrated within a broader Sports Precinct, with cafes, alfresco dining, playgrounds, and community spaces that can be utilised on both on event and non-event days.