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Two A-League games for Canberra

Football action is again coming to Canberra, following an agreement between the ACT Government and Football Federation Australia for two Hyundai A-League matches to be held at Canberra Stadium later this year.

On 4 September the Central Coast Mariners will take on Perth Glory and on 31 October they will take on Adelaide United.

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation, Andrew Barr said the games are great news for Canberra's football fans and the ACT's tourism operators.

"These games will provide local football fans with more top level sporting action and will give people from interstate even more reasons to visit the ACT, providing a boost for ACT tourism operators and the thousands of Canberrans they employ.

"Recent football matches held at Canberra Stadium, such as the Asian Cup qualifier between Australia and Kuwait and a pre-season match between the Mariners and Newcastle Jets last year proved very popular. With over 18,000 registered football players in the Territory and thousands more in the surrounding region, I urge Canberrans to get their tickets early."

Mr Barr said the ACT Government is keen to see Canberra's own A-League team established.

"The ACT Labor Government has committed up to \$2.5 million to help Canberra establish its own A-League team," Mr Barr said.

"An A-League club will be a win for Canberra's soccer fans and a win for the ACT economy, joining teams like the Raiders, Brumbies and Capitals in raising the profile of Canberra as Australia's sporting capital."

"A strong crowd at these matches in September and October will help show that Canberra is ready for an A-League team of our own," Mr Barr said.

Tickets are available from Ticketek at www.ticketek.com.au

A wide range of ticket options are available. This includes a number of special two-game packages at \$40 for adults, \$29 for concession or \$95 for a family of two adults and two children.

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