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Qantas Socceroos head to Canberra Stadium

Canberra Stadium and Football Federation Australia (FFA) today announced that the Qantas Socceroos will host Malaysia in an international friendly match in Canberra on Friday 7 October 2011 (8pm kick-off).

This will be the first time that the Qantas Socceroos have played Malaysia in Australia and the match will be used as a crucial build-up to the Qantas Socceroos' 2014 FIFA World Cup Asian Qualifier against Oman in Sydney four days later.

Tickets for both matches will go on-sale to the Football Family on Monday 12 September and to the general public on Thursday 15 September.

Malaysia, currently ranked 146th in the world, were knocked out of the second round of the 2014 FIFA World Cup Asian Qualifiers by their neighbouring nation Singapore 4-6 on aggregate over the two legs of the tie.

The match will be the seventh meeting between the Qantas Socceroos and Malaysia with the six previous matches between the two countries played at venues in Malaysia, Vietnam, Singapore and Indonesia. The last time these two teams met was in 1992 when Malaysia defeated Australia 1-0 in Jakarta.

Canberra Stadium General Manager Neale Guthrie said the match against Malaysia would be the highlight of Canberra Stadium's sporting calendar in 2011 and an opportunity for Canberra to demonstrate its continuing and growing support for the international game.

Mr Guthrie said along with providing world-class sporting entertainment, the match would have a substantial impact on the local economy.

"A significant share of the crowd will come from Sydney and our surrounding regions and that's good news for our local restaurants, bars, clubs, hotels and other local businesses that will benefit from the increased visitation," Mr Guthrie said.

FFA CEO Ben Buckley said the Malaysia match would be held on a FIFA match date meaning the strongest possible Qantas Socceroos squad would be available for selection.

"This is an exciting opportunity for the people of Canberra to see the Qantas Socceroos in action," Mr Buckley said.

"This match coincides with the NSW & ACT School holidays calendar and with the end of the grassroots football season, it is a perfect way for fans to connect with their Qantas Socceroos heroes," concluded Buckley.

Chief Executive of Capital Football, Heather Reid, said she was pleased to see international football return to Canberra and said local football fans would relish the chance to see their Socceroos heroes up close at Canberra Stadium.

The Qantas Socceroos, fielding a team made up largely of Hyundai A-League players, last played at Canberra Stadium in March 2009 losing to Kuwait in a 2011 AFC Asian Cup qualification match in front of a crowd of more than 20,000.

The Qantas Socceroos will then play Oman at ANZ Stadium on Tuesday 11 October 2011 (Kick-Off 7.30pm).

It will be the Qantas Socceroos third match of the 2014 FIFA World Cup Asian qualifiers. The Qantas Socceroos are currently top Group D with wins over Thailand and Saudi Arabia.

Tickets for both matches go on-sale to the Football Family members from 11am (AEST) Monday 12 September until midnight on Tuesday 13 September. They will be available to the general public from 3pm (AEST) Thursday 15 September from Ticketek (www.ticketek.com.au or call 132 849).

The Malaysia match is proudly supported by Canberra Stadium and Capital Football.

Both matches will be broadcast live and exclusive throughout Australia by FOX SPORTS.

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For more information regarding the 2014 FIFA World Cup draw, please visit www.fifa.com and www.the-afc.com

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Other Information

Upcoming Match Details

Qantas Socceroos vs. Malaysia

Friday 7 October, 2011

Canberra Stadium, Canberra

Kick Off: 8.00pm AEST

Gates Open: 6.00pm

On Sale Dates

Football Family: 11am Monday 12 September

Internet Presale: 11am Wednesday 14 September to 12pm Thursday 15 September (VISA Entertainment pre sale, Football NSW, Capital Football, plus sponsor database pre sale)

General Public: Thursday 15 September

Ticket Prices

Category A - \$80 – all tickets

Category B - \$50 Adult, \$25 Concession, \$125 Family

Category C - \$25 Adult, \$15 Concession, \$65 Family

*transaction and credit card fees apply

Current FIFA Rankings (24 August 2011)

Australia – 22nd

Malaysia – 146th

Head-to-Head AUSTRALIA v Malaysia

Overall record: Played 6. Win 5 Draw 0 Loss 1

Date	Home Team	Result	Away Team	Venue	Match
07/12/1965	 Malaysia	0:1	Australia 	Ipoh, Malaysia	Friendly
08/12/1965	 Malaysia	0:3 (0:0)	Australia 	Ipoh, Malaysia	Friendly
12/11/1967	 Malaysia	0:1 a.e.t.	Australia 	Saigon, Vietnam	Friendly
26/11/1967	 Malaysia	0:4	Australia 	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Friendly
15/10/1982	 Malaysia	0:5 (0:2)	Australia 	Singapore	Friendly – Merlion Cup
11/08/1992	 Australia	0:1 (0:0)	Malaysia 	Jakarta, Indonesia	Friendly – President's Cup

2014 FIFA World Cup Asian Qualifiers Third Round Match Day 3

Qantas Socceroos vs. Oman

Tuesday 11 October, 2011

ANZ Stadium, Sydney

Kick Off: 7.30pm AEST

Gates Open: 6.00pm

On Sale Dates

Football Family: 11am Monday 12 September

General Public: Thursday 15 September

Ticket Prices

Category A - \$90 all tickets

Category B - \$60 Adult, \$30 Concession, \$150 Family

Category C - \$30 Adult, \$15 Concession, \$75 Family, \$150 Group of 10

*transaction and credit card fees apply

Current FIFA Rankings (24 August 2011)

Australia – 22nd

Oman – 103rd

Head-to-Head AUSTRALIA v Oman

Overall record: Played 3. Win 2 Draw 1 Loss 0

Date	Home Team	Result	Away Team	Venue	Match
08/07/2007	 Australia	1:1 (0:1)	Oman 	Bangkok	AFC Asian Cup 2007
14/10/2009	 Australia	1:0 (0:0)	Oman 	Melbourne	AFC Asian Cup 2011 Qualifier
14/11/2009	 Oman	1:2 (1:1)	Australia 	Muscat	AFC Asian Cup 2011 Qualifier

2014 FIFA World Cup Asian Qualifiers Third Round - Groups

Group A: China PR, Jordan, Iraq, Singapore

Group B: Korea Republic Kuwait, UAE, Lebanon

Group C: Japan, Uzbekistan, Syria, Korea DPR

Group D: Australia, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Thailand

Group E: Iran, Qatar, Bahrain, Indonesia

2014 FIFA World Cup Asian Qualifiers Third Round - Match Schedule - Group D

Match	Kick-off - Date	Match			Venue
1	8:00pm - Friday 2	Australia	v	Thailand	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane
	7:00pm - Friday 2	Oman	v	Saudi	AL Seeb Sports Stadium, Muscat
2	8:30pm - Tuesday 6	Saudi	v	Australia	Prince Mohammed Bin Fahad
	6:30pm - Tuesday 6	Thailand	v	Oman	Rajamangala Stadium, Bangkok
3	Tuesday 11 October, 2011	Australia	v	Oman	ANZ Stadium, Sydney
	Tuesday 11 October, 2011	Thailand	v	Saudi	
4	Friday 11 November, 2011	Oman	v	Australia	
	Friday 11 November, 2011	Saudi	v	Thailand	
5	Tuesday 15 November, 2011	Thailand	v	Australia	
	Tuesday 15 November, 2011	Saudi	v	Oman	
6	Wednesday 29	Australia	v	Saudi	
	Wednesday 29	Oman	v	Thailand	

Note: Venues and Kick-off times to be confirmed. Fixtures are subject to change

2014 FIFA World Cup Asian Qualifiers Fourth Round - Match Days

- MD1:** 3 June, 2012
- MD2:** 8 June, 2012
- MD3:** 12 June, 2012
- MD4:** 11 September, 2012
- MD5:** 16 October, 2012
- MD6:** 14 November, 2012
- MD7:** 26 March, 2013
- MD8:** 4 June, 2013
- MD9:** 11 June, 2013
- MD10:** 18 June, 2013

2014 FIFA World Cup Asian Qualifiers Fifth Round - Match Days

- MD1:** 6 September, 2013
- MD2:** 10 September, 2013

2014 FIFA World Cup Asian Qualifiers Sixth Round - Match Days

- MD1:** 15 October, 2013
- MD2:** 19 November, 2013