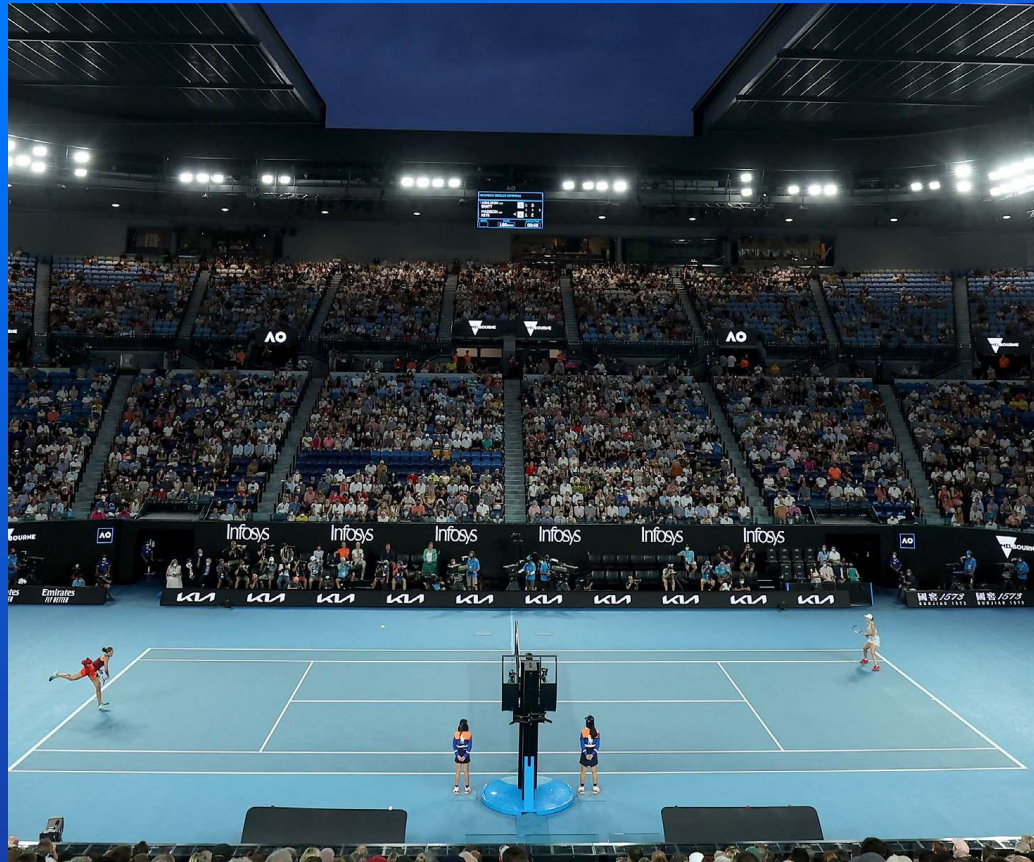




# A026 Social Story

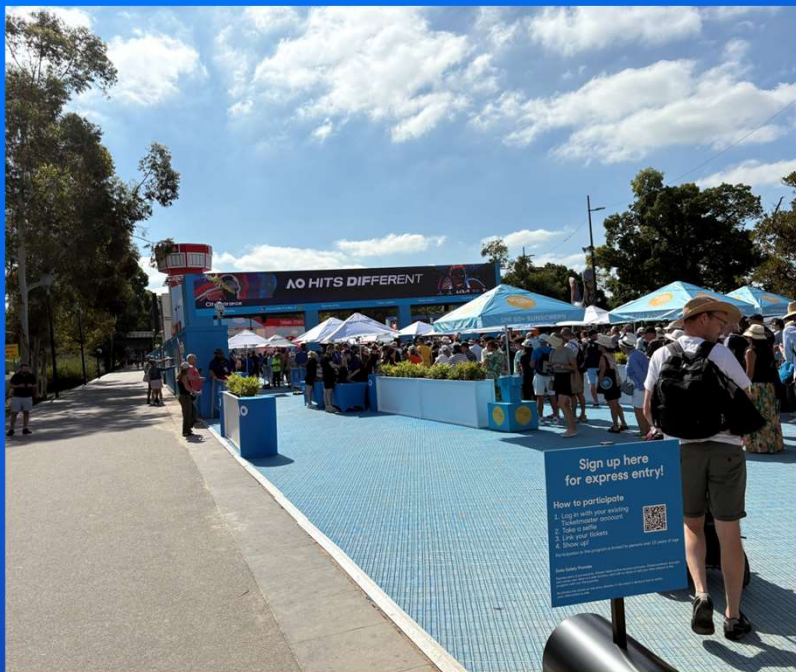


**I am going to the Australian Open! The Australian Open is the place where the best tennis players in the world come to play.**



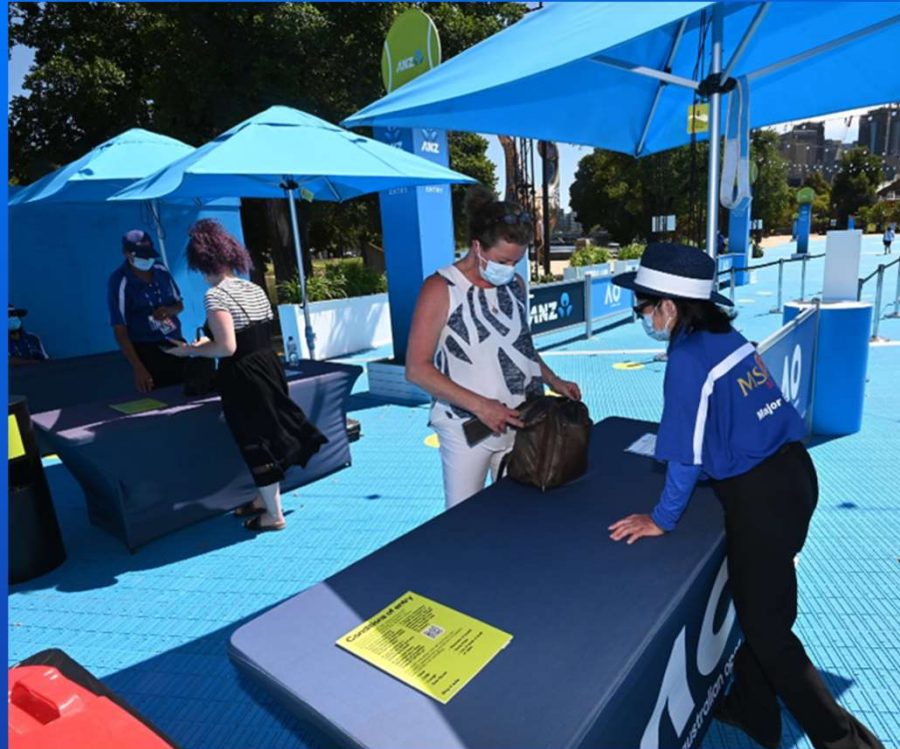
Sometimes the Australian Open is called the AO. At the AO, there will be tennis matches to watch as well as I can participate in some activities if I want to.



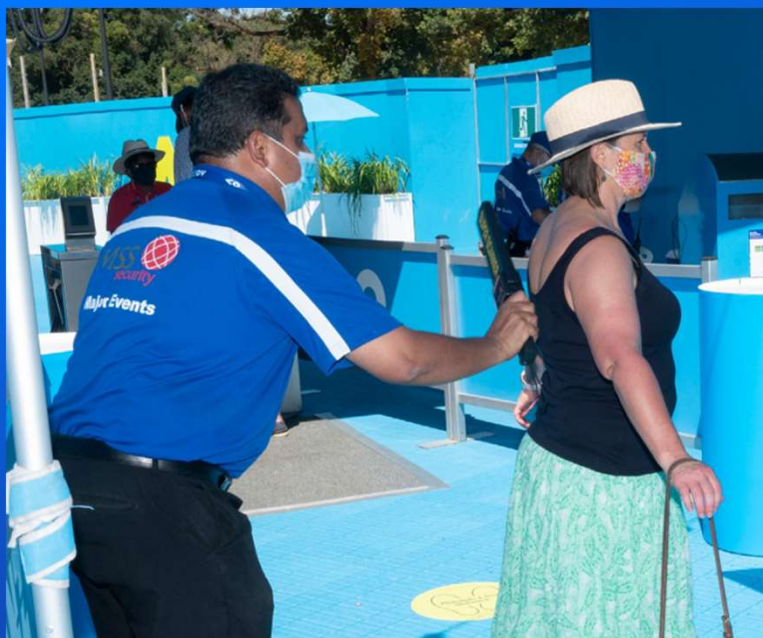


When I arrive at the gate, if I have accessibility needs, I am able to use the accessible entry.





**I will go to the entrance for security checks. I will have a security person check inside my bag.**



I might also have a security person scan me with a handheld security wand. This makes sure that everyone only brings safe things into the AO.





I will then have my ticket scanned and walk through.



Once I am inside it will be very busy with lots of people.





I might visit Garden Square.





I might visit Grand Slam Oval.





I might visit some shops.



I might visit the AO Ballpark where there will be lots of activities and games for kids and families.





I might also order some food.





**I might watch some tennis. A staff member might show me where to sit.**





**Everyone is quiet when the players are hitting the ball.**



**There will be cheering and clapping when a point ends.**





**I will stay in my seat until the players change sides.**



**If I need a break I can go to the three sensory rooms the AO have or find a shaded place outdoors.**





**If I need to use the toilet, I can look for a sign or ask a staff member to direct me.**



The weather may be hot. If I get hot I can cool down in the misters or get a drink of water.





If I need help or advice, there are many people wearing yellow shirts.



**There is lots of fun things to see and do at the AO.  
Visiting the Australian Open can be a great day out.**