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DEPUTY PREMIER SHOWS HIS SUPPORT FOR THE AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY GAMES

The 2005 Australian University Games, to be held in Brisbane 25-30 September, received a boost today with Queensland's Deputy Premier and Minister for Sport, The Honorable Terry Mackenroth, becoming the Games Patron.

Participants in Australia's largest annual multi-sport event will receive a warm welcome from Queensland with Mr Mackenroth joining Queensland Events Corporation (QEC) in its support of the event.

Mr Mackenroth said Queensland had taken another significant step in its push as an Events Capital by signing on as host of this year's Games.

"I am very honoured to be Patron for such an established event on the national sporting calendar.

"Queensland is committed to attracting events in the calibre of Australian University Games and we recognise the contribution Australian University Sport makes to the development of some of our country's elite athletes," said Mr Mackenroth.

"It is Australia's largest annual multi-sport event and we are proud to be able to welcome the Australian university community to our great State.

"Of course any event that encourages a large number of young people to have a go and get active in a particular sport I support fully.

"The Games are a fantastic concept and Queensland will no doubt extend a very warm welcome to all interstate competitors and visitors come September."

Australian University Sport, who organise the Games, Chief Executive Officer Daniel Marsden, said the support shown by Queensland and through Mr Mackenroth is very much appreciated and will ensure the Games are a success for all.

"We are overwhelmed by the support shown in Queensland to the Games from QEC and now with Mr Mackenroth coming on board as the Patron," said Mr Marsden.

"This will be our biggest Games yet and I'm sure the support of QEC and Mr Mackenroth will go a long way to ensuring its success," Mr Marsden added.

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