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Australian Open 2025 – Unforgettable tennis, epic entertainment and new rivalries

Australian Open 2025 is set to serve up an unforgettable three weeks in January.

Some fascinating emerging on-court rivalries are the headline acts and have tennis fans across the globe salivating in anticipation.

But as well as the thrills of world-class tennis, plans unveiled for next year's 120th anniversary event include an epic fusion of music, entertainment and innovative new experiences to delight fans of all ages.

"Following a record-breaking 2024, we're aiming for an even bigger Australian Open celebration, launching the tennis season globally with more tennis, more entertainment and a host of fresh initiatives to bring fans closer to the action than ever before," Australian Open Tournament Director **Craig Tiley** said.

"On court we already have some incredible new rivalries - **Jannik Sinner** and **Carlos Alcaraz** are setting themselves apart. There's a certain 10-time AO Champion in **Novak Djokovic** who again showed his dominance at the Paris Olympics and who will come to Melbourne determined to lift the trophy again. And then there are the likes of **Daniil Medvedev**, and **Stefanos Tsitsipas** who've both been finalists here, and the Americans **Taylor Fritz**, **Frances Tiafoe**, **Tommy Paul** and **Ben Shelton**.

"**Aryna Sabalenka** and world number one **Iga Swiatek** took the lion's share of the tennis spoils this year and their rivalry is a must-watch. **Coco Gauff** is back in good form and won in Beijing last week, **Qinwen Zheng**, **Elena Rybakina**, **Barbora Krejickova**, **Ons Jabeur** and **Jess Pegula** are also major contenders. Others, like **Emma Navarro** and **Jasmine Paolini** and of course a superstar like **Naomi Osaka**, would not surprise anyone if they went on a run here in Melbourne. The women's field is just rich with possibility and talent.

"And of course, on the home front we have the emergence of a growing and formidable Aussie posse of men, led by **Alex de Minaur**, **Alexei Popyrin** – who could forget that incredible win over Novak at the US Open - and **Jordan Thompson**, all in the top 30. **Ajla Tomljanovic** is back in the top 100 and it was great to see her win the Hong Kong tournament last week, and **Olivia Gadecki**, after reaching the finals in Mexico recently, has also hit the top 100 milestone."

Tiley explained that a focus of Australian Open 2025 was designing more ways for fans to get closer to the action.

"**The Village** – between Kia and John Cain Arena, with new-look shaded viewing platforms and fun bars and snacks close by, is where you can catch the very top players in practice; we look forward to announcing a stellar legends field, in another Grand Slam first we're introducing a wheelchair qualifying event, there will be a new junior wheelchair tournament, and much more," he said.

"Off-court attractions include the creation of **TOPCOURT**, a world-first immersive experience where tennis, culture, digital media and gaming collide, the most diverse culinary options yet, a range of stunning premium experiences, an expanded music line up and a ramped-up Opening Week.

"We are fortunate to have wonderful partnerships with an ever-growing list of incredible global brands. They truly help us to bring the event to life year after year.

"The AO's broadcast and online presence has also reached unprecedented levels. Broadcast viewership for AO 2024 surged by 57% compared to 2023, with an incredible 558 million unique viewers worldwide. On social media, we've seen remarkable growth, with 3.8 billion impressions during AO 2024—an increase of 228% from

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the previous year. Our year-round content strategy is clearly resonating with fans, as social media impressions have grown by 18%, and YouTube views have skyrocketed by 186%, reflecting a massive appetite for Australian Open content.

"Each year, we push the limits of what the AO can offer—whether it's enhancing the site, elevating the food and drink experiences, offering even more tennis to enjoy, or, in 2025, introducing more ways to play. We've added more live music and nearly doubled our shaded areas to ensure fan comfort. The demand keeps growing, and we're expanding to meet it. We are delighted that our fans, both local and international, keep showing up, and we can't wait to welcome everyone to the best AO yet."

Australian Open 2025 three-week tennis and entertainment extravaganza includes:

- **TOPCOURT**, a vibrant new precinct in Middle Terrace at Birrarung Marr, is another Grand Slam first. Bringing the vibe for the next generation of tennis and entertainment fans, it will feature live music and DJs, a public Padel Court, retail pop-ups and a host of the latest gaming setups. The ultimate hangout spot to chill with friends, TOPCOURT will be the place to gather, shop and show off your fit at AO 2025.
- **EXPANDED OPENING WEEK**, including **AO Qualifying**; daily **Open Practice** sessions in Rod Laver Arena; **four exhibition and charity matches** featuring top players; **Kids Tennis Day** on Saturday 11 January, with family fun including **competitions** and **prizes**, **more ways to play tennis**, a **huge variety of food and drink** options across the site and the fan favourite **Rod Laver Arena Spectacular**.
- **COURTSIDE BAR**, after being one of the most popular spots to take in the tennis and grab a drink at AO 2024, the two-storey Courtside Bar will return. With increased capacity, enhanced tennis viewing, an intimate rooftop bar and delicious bar menu, it's set to be one of the hottest spots on site.
- **INCREASED SHADE**, there will be almost twice as much shade across Melbourne Park than at AO 2024, and three times as much shade than just five years ago. This includes a new shade structure over the seating bowl of 1573 Arena and 300 square metres of shade in food and beverage areas.
- **AO LIVE** will bring big-name headline acts – including **Benson Boone, Kaytranada, Kesha** and **Armand Van Helden** - to the finals along with more music across the precinct for the entire three weeks of the event.
- **The Village**, nestled between John Cain Arena and Kia Arena, offers fans an up-close view of the world's top players as they practice and gear up for Grand Slam glory. With new shaded viewing platforms and an expanded selection of food and bar options, it's the perfect spot to relax and catch all the action.
- **Wheelchair Qualifying**, in another Grand Slam first, each wheelchair tennis division, men's, women's and Quads, will have a four-player qualifying draw with two players progressing to the main draw.
- **Australian Open Junior Wheelchair Championships** debuts, with eight junior athletes to compete in the inaugural event.

Australian Open 2025 will also host the first **Evonne Goolagong Cawley Day**, which in 2024 was renamed from First Nations Day to honour the tennis legend. Fan favourites **All Abilities Day**, **Hot Shots Tennis Day**, **Women & Girls Day** and **Pride Day** will all return.

Both **Evonne Goolagong Cawley** and **John Newcombe** will celebrate 50 years since their respective second AO titles in 1975. Newcombe will feature on the coin tossed before matches at the AO and all Summer of Tennis events (as Goolagong Cawley did in 2024).

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Era-defining rivalries set to thrill fans at AO 2025

The race to write the next chapter of tennis history has never been so intense.

Rivalries are unfolding right in front of us that could define the sport for the next decade—and at the centre of it all are the Australian Open defending champions.

AO 2025 winner **Jannik Sinner** and Spanish foe **Carlos Alcaraz** have dominated much of 2024, sharing the four Grand Slam titles between them. But the King of Melbourne Park, 10-time champion **Novak Djokovic** produced a stunning reminder at the Paris Olympics that he is far from done.

“These three superstars will be looking to put their stamp on 2025 with the first Slam title of the year, and it will be fascinating to see how they go about it,” AO Tournament Director **Craig Tiley** enthused.

“Not only that, but also how the likes of **Daniil Medvedev**, **Stefanos Tsitsipas**, **Alexander Zverev**, **Taylor Fritz** and co - who all have had some great results here attempt to break their domination.

“Alcaraz has captured the hearts of tennis fans around the world – he’s not only an extraordinary player, but his infectious energy and fierce competitiveness have made him a fan favourite. He’s won Roland Garros and Wimbledon this year, and we can’t wait to see what he does here in Melbourne.

“Meanwhile, Novak is a legend here and he thrives in this environment. We know he’ll be hunting for his 11th title and doing everything in his power to lift the trophy again.”

Tiley was equally upbeat about the women’s draw.

“**Aryna Sabalenka** is gunning for an AO three-peat on the back of a 14-match winning streak and has 20-2 singles record at Melbourne Park in the last four years, not to mention a Grand Slam doubles title here in 2021. Fair to say she enjoys Rod Laver Arena,” he said.

“Both defending champions, Sabalenka and Sinner, have had an incredible year, bookending the season with wins at the Australian Open and the US Open. To capture two Grand Slam titles in a season is no small feat, and they will both come into Melbourne even stronger for AO 2025.”

“By contrast, **Iga Swiatek**’s best AO result was when she made semis in 2022 and she will be determined to go further. And as the reigning world number one for the last 123 weeks, she is very well-placed to do so.

“But then you also have **Coco Gauff**, winner of Beijing last week, and China’s Olympic gold medallist and AO 24 finalist **Quinwen Zheng** in contention. There’s a real sense of excitement around Zheng, she’s had a brilliant season, has a real chance to be a major force in the women’s draw, and will come into Melbourne with a massive fan base among our Chinese community, as well as a lot of confidence.

The incredible array of talent in the mix includes Slam winners like **Naomi Osaka**, **Elena Rybakina** and **Barbora Krejčíková**, not to mention those who’ve reached finals and semis, like **Ons Jabeur**, **Emma Navarro**, **Karolina Muchova**, **Jasmine Paolini** and even an emerging star like teenager **Mirra Andrejeva**.

“I’m looking forward to watching Paolini who’s reached the second week of all four majors, including back-to-back finals at both Roland Garros and Wimbledon. Her energy and enthusiasm make her great fun to watch and she’ll no doubt have loud support from the Italian fans.

There’s just so much quality and depth in the field,” Tiley said.

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Aussie tennis on the rise

Australia's men have enjoyed a record-setting year on the tour and are set to shine in front of their home crowd at AO 2025.

Alex de Minaur leads the charge after a breakthrough year that saw him crack the top 10 for the first time.

"Alex is a true Aussie inspiration. He's had an incredible year, shown tremendous resilience through injury and I have no doubt he'll be ready with his trademark grit and determination and bring everything he has to the AO in January," AO Tournament Director **Craig Tiley** said.

Alexei Popyrin's career-best win over Djokovic at the US Open was one of the highlights of 2024, and he now finds himself ranked inside the top 25.

"Alexei's victory over Novak was one for the ages. He's been in incredible form, and it's exciting to see him rise in the rankings," Tiley said.

"**Jordan Thompson** has played his way into the top 30 and could see himself seeded at a Grand Slam for the first time. It was great to see him team up with **Max Purcell** to win the US Open doubles title and they'll be coming into the Aussie summer in great form.

"The sheer depth of the Australian men is remarkable, with **Chris O'Connell, James Duckworth, Rinky Hijikata, Thanasi Kokkinakis, Aleksander Vukic, and Adam Walton** all in the top 100 and making their mark. Having 10 men in the top 100 – that's the strongest we've been in a long time, and the future looks bright.

"It's been great to hear Nick Kyrgios touting his return to the court, and that his training is on track for the summer. He brings a big game and bigger energy to the AO – he's truly an excitement machine – and we can't wait to see him back."

Tiley is also excited by the state of women's tennis in Australia, with several young Aussie stars making notable progress in 2024.

"**Olivia Gadecki** has powered into the top 100 after reaching the final in Guadalajara and is now Australia's No.1 woman, and **Ajla Tomljanović** joined her there after her recent WTA title in Hong Kong, and she continues to make an impressive comeback from injury.

"Promising young talents like 18-year-old **Maya Joint, Talia Gibson, and Taylah Preston** continue to rise through the ranks, while it was also exciting to see 16-year-old **Emerson Jones** hit the world No.1 junior ranking – the first Aussie girl to do so since **Jelena Dokic** in 1998 – and reach the junior girls' finals at both the Australian Open and Wimbledon.

"It's been a great year for Aussie tennis, we have a solid group of established players along with some amazing young talent coming through, and we're excited to see what they can do in front of a home crowd."

Australia's success on the global stage was not limited to the singles court.

"**Matt Ebden and John Peers'** Olympic gold victory in Paris was a truly special moment and I'd like to congratulate them both again," Tiley said. "We all enjoyed the emotion of their stunning, come-from-behind win, and the celebration with their families was unforgettable.

"Matt started the year with the Australian Open doubles title, teaming with Rohan Bopanna. **Jordan Thompson** and **Max Purcell** reached the doubles final at Wimbledon, and it was fantastic to see them go one better in New

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York, winning the US Open ... and with that win Jordan became the seventh Australian to capture a Grand Slam men's doubles title within the past three years."

Thompson's Grand Slam breakthrough achieves an incredible 45-year milestone, marking the first time since 1979 that seven different Australians won a Grand Slam doubles title within a three-year period.*

The Australian Open will present another Grand Slam first in 2025, with the introduction of qualifying for the wheelchair event. Each wheelchair tennis division, men's, women's and Quads, will have a four-player qualifying draw with two players progressing to the main draw.

The **Junior Wheelchair Tennis Championship** will make its debut at Australian Open 2025, marking a historic moment in the tournament's history. Eight junior athletes will compete in this milestone event from 21 to 25 January, paving the way for future generations in wheelchair tennis.

Queensland teenager **Ben Wenzel** made history at the US Open in September, becoming the first Australian junior wheelchair player in history to capture a Grand Slam title when he and his Dutch partner Ivar van Rijt were crowned the US Open 2024 boys' wheelchair doubles champions.

***Australian Grand Slam men's doubles champions since 2022**

Australian Open 2022	Thanasi Kokkinakis / Nick Kyrgios
Wimbledon 2022	Matt Ebden / Max Purcell
Australian Open 2023	Rinky Hijikata / Jason Kubler
Australian Open 2024	Matt Ebden / Rohan Bopanna (IND)
US Open 2024	Max Purcell / Jordan Thompson

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AO 2025 unveils TOPCOURT– a brand-new fan experience

From the team that brought you Garden Square, Grand Slam Oval, and the Courtside Bar, Australian Open 2025 proudly introduces **TOPCOURT** – the latest innovation in fan experience, blending sport and entertainment.

This exciting new precinct is set to transform Middle Terrace at Melbourne Park for AO 2025, offering a destination designed especially for a new generation of fans seeking an energetic and fresh tennis experience.

With cutting-edge tech, immersive gaming and Augmented Reality, live music, DJ Tiebreakers and the hottest trends in food, fashion, and beauty — TOPCOURT will have everything to deliver the ultimate fan experience.

“We’re always pushing boundaries at the AO, and TOPCOURT will offer something truly unique,” Tennis Australia’s Director of Product and Customer Experience **Amanda Del Prete** said.

“This new space is where fans can connect, immerse themselves in the energy, and enjoy the Australian Open like never before.”

Whether catching up with friends over the latest food trend, grabbing a drink, or stepping up your style, **TOPCOURT** will be the go-to spot to eat, shop, chill, and experience world-class tennis in a vibrant new setting.

The hit of the AO in 2024 – the **Courtside Bar** – will also be back bigger and better. With increased capacity, enhanced tennis viewing, an intimate rooftop bar and delicious bar menu, it’s set to be one of the hottest spots on site.

Across the precinct, the Australian Open will increase shaded areas by almost double from AO 2024, from 3,278 square metres to a massive 5,932 square metres.

This includes a new shade structure for **1573 Arena**, like the structure on **Court 3**, a favourite among players and fans alike. Shade on 1573 Arena will increase from 325 square metres to 1170 square metres, making the tennis viewing experience more comfortable and fun for thousands of fans.

There will be more shade in food and beverage areas to keep fans comfortable as they order from a wide variety of delicious snacks and drinks.

There will also be more shade in **The Village** situated between **John Cain Arena** and **Kia Arena**. This area will have new-look shaded viewing platforms to accommodate hundreds of fans keen to see the top players in practice as they prepare for Grand Slam glory.

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AO 2025 set to serve up a culinary feast of global flavours

Australian Open 2025 is set to deliver a culinary feast like never before, offering fans the most extensive range of food experiences in the event's history.

From fine dining to food trucks, French cuisine to Filipino, tacos to souvlakis, and everything in between, there's something to satisfy every taste. Fans will be spoiled for choice with a diverse array of mouthwatering options throughout the precinct.

"We're very excited to share the food and beverage offering for AO 2025, one of our most extensive and diverse lineups to date, with more than 15 cuisines on offer, from 21 different restaurants," Tennis Australia Chief Commercial Officer **Cedric Cornelis** said.

Garden Square will again be an oasis, complete with delicious food options, live music and tennis on the big screens. The menu for Garden Square is truly international, starring classics from French-inspired Melbourne favourite **Entrecote**, 'Maltese meets Mediterranean' by one of Melbourne's most loved food stars, **OSTRO by Julia Busuttill Nishimura**, mouthwatering panini and Italian dolce from **Piccolo Panini Bar**, and delicious Lebanese savoury pastries and wraps from second generation family-run **A1 Bakery**.

Grand Slam Oval will become a global food mecca with exciting new names **El Jannah**, **CDMX Taqueria**, **Silk Spoon** and **The Filipino Project** and returning favourites serving cuisines from around the world.

The **Western Courts** will host **Good Days**, offering fresh Vietnamese fare with a twist, and **Tennessee Wingboys**, the latest venture from AO-favourite **Charlie Carrington**, serving Nashville style fried chicken, burgers and fries.

Balaclava's inspiring social enterprise **All Things Equal**, staffed by an all-abilities workforce, will bring its delicious café menu to the **AO Ballpark presented by Emirates** alongside family-favourite **Wonder Pies**.

The Australian Open's iconic dessert, the **Peach Melbourne**, complete with Australian grown peaches and raspberries, will be back by popular demand.

Another fan favourite at AO 2024, the **Courtside Bar** will also return in 2025. Expanded so that more fans can take in the action while enjoying a snack or cocktail, it's been redesigned to enhance tennis viewing and will feature a stylish rooftop cocktail bar. Two iconic international brands will be a part of Courtside Bar in 2025 and will be announced soon.

A brand-new suite of hospitality options, designed to revolutionise premium experiences at the Australian Open, was launched earlier this year as **AO Reserve**.

The latest addition to AO Reserve's star-studded lineup is **Brigitte Hafner** who will bring the renowned seasonal menu from her famous Red Hill restaurant **Tedesca Osteria** to the Glasshouse in the final week of the AO.

"We're incredibly excited to welcome Brigitte and a sample of Tedesca Osteria's stunning menu to the AO," Tennis Australia's Head of Product Growth and Innovation **Fern Barrett** said.

"AO Reserve is unlike anything we've offered previously at the Australian Open. From the custom designed spaces and handpicked culinary talent, to the chance to go behind the scenes and watch from the best seats in the house, it's another example of the Australian Open hitting different and raising the bar for event hospitality."

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AO 2025 food and beverage highlights snapshot:

- **Garden Square:** An international menu paired with live music and big-screen tennis:
 - **Entrecote** – French Mitraillette Baguette and Entrecote Cheeseburger and frites (AO debut)
 - **Julia Busuttil Nishimura** – Maltese-inspired pastizzi and Mediterranean salads (AO debut)
 - **Piccolo Panini Bar** – Italian panini and dolce (AO debut)
 - **A1 Bakery** – Lebanese pastries and wraps (AO debut)
- **Western Courts:** Two exciting new food offerings:
 - **Good Days** – Fresh Vietnamese salads and rice bowls (AO debut)
 - **Tennessee Wingboys** – Nashville-style fried chicken, burgers, and fries (AO debut)
- **Grand Slam Oval:** A global food mecca with a wide variety of international cuisines:
 - **D.O.C** – Pizza al Taglio (by the slice) and espresso bar
 - **El Jannah** – Lebanese chicken (AO debut)
 - **CDMX Taqueria** – Mexico City-inspired tacos (AO debut)
 - **Silk Spoon** by Victor Liong – Asian Canteen style dishes
 - **The Filipino Project** – Filipino BBQ chicken skewers, empanadas, green papaya salad (AO debut)
 - **Fishbowl** – Fresh salad bowls and boxes
 - **Easey's** – Famous burgers
 - **Stalactites** – Delicious Greek souvlakis
- **AO Ballpark (presented by Emirates):**
 - **All Things Equal** – Social enterprise café staffed by an all-abilities workforce (AO debut)
 - **Wonder Pies** – Renowned pies and family friendly dishes

AO Reserve premium experiences:

- **Brigitte Hafner** - Renowned for **Tedesca Osteria** in Red Hill
- **Shimpei Raikuni** – From Brisbane's **Sushi Room**
- **Alejandro Saravia** – Chef of **Morena, Victoria, and Farmer's Daughters**
- **Martin Benn & Vicki Wild** – Award-winning duo (previously **Sepia**)
- **Rockpool Bar & Grill** – Fan-favourite restaurant
- **Blake Shailes** – from Australian owned Los Angeles hotspot **Grandmaster Records**
- **Nick and Nora's** – One of Melbourne's most loved cocktail bars

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More chances to pick up a racquet at AO 2025

Australian Open 2025 is all about getting fans out on the court and in on the action. With new disciplines and more ways to play, there will be more opportunities than ever for fans of all ages to pick up a racquet and join in the fun.

In another AO first, the inaugural **AO Pickleball Slam** will take place from 24-26 January. Some of the world's leading Pickleball talent will battle it out in this invitational event and show off their skills in one of the world's fastest-growing racquet sports.

The **AO Padel Battle** will showcase this fast-paced format at **Topcourt** on Middle Terrace from 17-19 January. Played in an enclosed court where the ball stays in play while bouncing off the walls, this energetic sport is fast becoming a favourite of fitness fanatics around the world.

The **AO Ballpark presented by Emirates** will again offer an immersive tennis experience, featuring fun tennis activities for kids and families. **Hot Shots HQ** again takes centre stage and showcases each stage of the **Hot Shots Tennis** program, giving kids the chance to practice skills, test their serves with speed tracking, and compete in friendly matches on mini courts.

With activities for children as young as two, the AO Ballpark premieres on Kids Tennis Day, Saturday 11 January, and is open throughout the tournament. There will be even more excitement and special activities on **Hot Shots Tennis Day** on Thursday 16 January.

"Most people in Australia kick off their tennis journey at a local club, whether they are playing for fun and fitness, or dreaming of going pro," Tennis Australia's Chief Tennis Officer **Tom Larner** said.

"Bringing more chances to grab a racquet at AO 2025 is a great way to celebrate the social impact grassroots tennis has within the community. And it gives us even more opportunity to show off all the awesome activities happening at clubs across the country.

"From families trying out Hot Shots Tennis to friends getting their sweat on with Cardio Tennis, or anyone jumping back into the sport with fun options like Padel, Pickleball or **Pop Tennis**, there will be something for everyone to try."

Tennis continues to grow in popularity, with more than 1.48 million Australians participating in the sport from July 2022 to June 2023, and 2,300 affiliated tennis clubs and venues nationwide.

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Australian Open reveals AO LIVE music lineup for 2025

The Australian Open has unveiled an exciting music lineup for 2025 under its new entertainment banner, **AO LIVE**.

AO LIVE will feature a packed schedule of live music across the AO precinct over three weeks including bands, solo performers and DJs, culminating in three massive days of entertainment from 23 to 25 January in John Cain Arena, under **AO LIVE Presents**.

Globally renowned artists including **Benson Boone, Kaytranada, Kesha and Armand Van Helden** will headline AO LIVE Presents in the tournament's biggest music lineup leading up to the finals weekend.

"Music and live entertainment have always been central to the AO and what sets us apart from other sporting events," Australian Open Tournament Director **Craig Tiley** said.

"AO LIVE is an evolution of the AO's music offering and will see live music and entertainment across the whole precinct in January, from fan-favourite performers in Garden Square to in-demand DJ's spinning anthems on Grand Slam Oval. AO LIVE has entertainment covered for all tastes and is all-inclusive on a Ground Pass ticket.

"To bring home the tournament, AO LIVE Presents will put on three spectacular nights featuring international artists at the end of week two taking us into the finals."

The huge success of Finals Festival over the past three years has proven there is great demand for high-profile music acts alongside the tennis, and recent sold-out megatours have shown that fans still have eyes for big name shows in Melbourne arenas.

Tickets for **AO LIVE Presents** start from \$89 which also includes Ground Pass access for the whole day, presenting great value for fans.

First up on 23 January, pop sensation **Benson Boone** will take to the stage. The American singer-songwriter has skyrocketed to stardom with more than 1.9 billion global streams to his name. Benson made headlines with his memorable performance at the MTV Video Music Awards earlier this year, where he earned four nominations and took home the award for Best Alternative Video.

World-renowned DJ and producer **Kaytranada** performs on Friday 24 January. The Grammy Award-winning Canadian artist is a household name in music globally, having opened for The Weeknd's 'After Hours Til Dawn' Tour in 2022 and performed at Coachella 2023. With two Grammy Awards and five nominations under his belt, Kaytranada's blend of house, hip-hop, and electronic beats is set to ignite the dancefloor.

The final day of AO LIVE Presents will coincide with the Women's Finals on Saturday 25 January, delivering a full day of festival-style entertainment. Kicking off at 2PM, the event will feature performances from multiple artists, culminating in a grand finale featuring pop icon **Kesha** and legendary DJ **Armand Van Helden** to close out the three-day affair.

Grammy-nominated pop star, Kesha, boasts accolades from the MTV Video Music Awards, American Music Awards, and iHeartRadio Awards to name a few, alongside an extensive discography including hit singles "Tik Tok", "Timber" ft. Pitbull, "Die Young", "Right Round" with Flo Rider and many more. Kesha is set to return to Australia for the first time in seven years to deliver a show-stopping performance, closing out the entire AO LIVE series.

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American DJ and producer, Armand Van Helden, celebrated for hits such as "My My My" and "You Don't Know Me" featuring Duane Harden and continues to have an undeniable effect on dance music globally.

Any ticket purchased to AO LIVE automatically includes a full day Ground Pass for the same day, allowing fans to not only experience world class music but witness incredible tennis, enjoy delicious food and beverage offerings, and explore the electric atmosphere that the Happy Slam is globally known for.

Tickets for AO LIVE go on sale at midday on Thursday October 10. Visit [Ticketmaster](#) for tickets and more information.

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Benson Boone

+ Special guests

Friday 24 January 2024 – 5PM - 9PM AEDT

Kaytranada

+ Special guests

Saturday 25 January 2024 – 2PM - 7PM AEDT

Kesha

Armand Van Helden

+ Special guests

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Australian Open 2025, supported by major partner Kia in association with Emirates, Luzhou Laojiao and Rolex, will take place at Melbourne Park from 6 - 26 January 2025, with main draw starting 12 January.

Tickets to Australian Open 2025 go on-sale Thursday 10 October 2024, visit [Ticketmaster](#) or [ausopen.com](#) for more information.

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