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NEW CANBERRANS TO SAMPLE THE BEST OF ACT SPORT

Canberra's newest residents will get a taste of the ACT's exciting 2009 sporting calendar when the ACT Government's *Live in Canberra* program hosts two welcome events aimed at sporting enthusiasts.

One hundred new Canberrans will be treated to tickets to the Prime Minister's XI cricket match at Manuka oval next Thursday and another 100 new arrivals will cheer on the Canberra Capitals at the AIS Arena on Saturday 31 January.

"The Prime Minister's XI cricket match gives new Canberrans the opportunity to enjoy an annual tradition and one of Australia's favorite pastimes - a day at the cricket - and make some new friends along the way," Mr Stanhope said.

"Just two days after the excitement of the cricket, another 100 new Canberrans will cheer on the Capitals as they compete for the top spot on the ladder leading up to the Women's National Basketball League finals.

"*Live in Canberra* guests will be treated to a pre-game meet-and-greet with the team's coach and management before taking courtside seats to watch the game.

"These exciting sporting matches are a great opportunity to showcase the variety of sporting experiences on offer here in Canberra.

"I want to acknowledge the generosity of Cricket AsCT and the TransACT Canberra Capitals for providing complimentary tickets for these events," Mr Stanhope said.

Live in Canberra welcome events are held bi-monthly for people who have moved to Canberra in the last 12 months. Upcoming events include a day at the Black Opal Stakes and visits to the Deep Space Communications Complex and Old Parliament House.

To find out more call 13 22 81, email tellmemore@liveincanberra.com.au or visit www.liveincanberra.com.au

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