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LIVE IN CANBERRA GETS INTO THE OLYMPIC SPIRIT

Live in Canberra will host 80 newcomers to Canberra from countries including South Africa, New Zealand, China, Germany, Ireland at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) this Sunday, 13 July, Chief Minister Jon Stanhope said.

Mr Stanhope said the event is a great opportunity to introduce new Canberrans to the national capital and its premier sporting facilities.

“New Canberrans will embrace the Olympic spirit this weekend by meeting elite athletes at the AIS,” Mr Stanhope said. “They will test their own speed, strength and endurance against Australia’s best athletes inside Sportex, AIS’ interactive sports exhibition.

“The *Live in Canberra* campaign is about spreading the word across Australia and the world that Canberra is a great place to live and work. It is equally important that people who move here are made to feel welcome and this weekend’s event is helping to do just that.

“The international representation at this event reflects the reach of the *Live in Canberra* campaign. The *Live in Canberra* seminars in England and South Africa and planned visit to New Zealand next year will encourage further interest in Canberra from around the world,” Mr Stanhope said.

Live in Canberra hosts two events each month. Upcoming events include a tour and viewing at the National Film and Sound Archive and a recital by a local author at the Civic Library.

Anyone wanting to register for the ‘Welcome to Canberra’ events should call the *Live in Canberra* team through Canberra Connect on 13 22 81 or email tellmemore@liveincanberra.com.au.

Live in Canberra, a joint initiative of the ACT Government and Canberra business groups, was launched in 2005 to raise awareness of the advantages of living and working in Canberra, as part of a suite of ACT Government initiatives to address the skills shortages.

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