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Anticipation is building in Alice Springs ahead of next weekend’s historic AFL match between Melbourne and Port Adelaide at TIO Traeger Park.

Minister for Sport, Recreation and Racing Matt Conlan said the oval was in top condition and ready to host its first match for premiership points.

"With just one week to go until this historic even,

t," said Mr Conlan.

*AFLNT have done a great job working around the clock to make sure the TIO Traeger Park ground and facilities are looking their absolute best.

“This is a fantastic opportunity for footy fans to witness a slice of history but also for Alice Springs to be showcased around Australia through the television broadcast of the match.

“This will be great exposure for the Centre and will put us firmly on the national sporting map.

“The historic AFL game has come to fruition as a result of the Territory Government’s strong relationship with the Melbourne Football Club and will once again see several opportunities for the community to engage with the Demons and also Port Adelaide ahead of the big game.

“Players will visit local schools with the Long Walk Foundation to deliver Walk the Talk Education Sessions to students, there’ll be visits to the Clontarf Academies in Alice, a Coles Demons Healthy Lunchbox workshop in Ti Tree, and the Long Walk prior to the game.

“The Territory has a strong track record of producing top-quality AFL players and to have this match during the Indigenous Round of the AFL will also be a great celebration of that history.

“The Country Liberals Government has a plan to develop our regional centres and deliver more major sporting events for Territorians to enjoy, which is why we lobbied hard to secure this event.

“We’re expecting a big crowd for the game so I encourage everyone to get in early and purchase your tickets and don’t miss this history-making event.”

Tickets to the Round 11 game between Melbourne and Port Adelaide in Alice Springs are on sale at: www.ticketdirect.com.au. General admission tickets for adults start from $23.50 with a family pass for four from $47, children under five are free.

Tickets can also be purchased from selected outlets in Alice Springs at; Alice Springs Convention Centre, Tourism Central Australia, Centralian Sports, Hot Stuff 4 the Sporting Buff and AFLNT’s Central Australia Office at TIO Traeger Park.

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