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SYDNEY TO HOST NRL ALL STARS FOR THE FIRST TIME

Rugby League's big matches are heading back to NSW with the NRL All Stars match set to take place in Sydney for the first time.

The 2022 NRL Harvey Norman All Stars match will be played at CommBank Stadium on Saturday, February 12.

The event will feature the women's and men's Indigenous and Maori teams, along with the Indigenous and Maori touch football teams.

NSW Minister for Tourism and Western Sydney Stuart Ayres said the fixture will have a wonderful new home in Western Sydney, the heartland of rugby league and multicultural Australia.

"Sydney is the birthplace of rugby league in Australia and without doubt the greatest Rugby League city in the world, so hosting the NRL All Stars here just feels right," Mr Ayres said.

"Bringing the very best Indigenous and Maori players – both men and women – together at CommBank Stadium will spark a mighty battle for cultural and national honour, played in the best possible spirit, providing an epic show for spectators.

"We are committed to securing significant sporting events like the NRL All Stars that resonate with the wider community while also playing a vital role in driving our state's visitor economy."

Minister for Sport Natalie Ward said the event will bring communities together through their shared love of sport.

"Parramatta's CommBank Stadium is an outstanding location to showcase athletes honouring their culture and sport, bringing the best of rugby league to NSW," Mrs Ward said.

NRL Chief Executive Andrew Abdo said: "All Stars has grown incredibly since 2010 and bringing the event to Sydney was always one of the missing ingredients."

Tickets will be on sale tomorrow (Wednesday, December 1), beginning with NRL Club Ticketed Members at 9am (AEDT), NRL Account Holders at 10am (AEDT) and General Public at 2pm (AEDT).

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