

Australia hosts 100th tennis championships

As the tennis calendar swings into major league action at the first Grand Slam of the year, the Australian Open is also marking the 100th edition of the men's singles, first staged in 1905 as the Australasian Championships

TROPHIES

Women: Daphne Akhurst Memorial Cup ►

Men: Norman Brookes Challenge Cup ▼



FAMOUS CHAMPIONS

1905: Rodney Heath wins first title

1969: Rod Laver wins first Open era title

1973: Margaret Court wins record 11th title

2010: Roger Federer wins 4th title

VENUE

Melbourne Park, Victoria

First hosted: **1988**
Highest daily attendance
77,121

Margaret Court Arena
6,000 seats

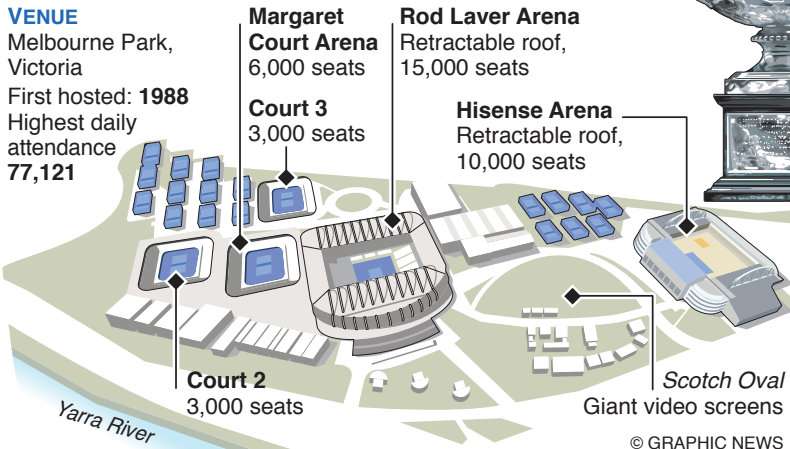
Court 3
3,000 seats

Rod Laver Arena
Retractable roof,
15,000 seats

Hisense Arena
Retractable roof,
10,000 seats

Court 2
3,000 seats

Scotch Oval
Giant video screens



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Australian Open 2012
January 16-29

First played
1905

Surface
Plexicushion

2011 champions
Men's singles
Novak Djokovic
Women's singles
Kim Clijsters

Prize money
Winner: **\$2.3m**
RU: **\$1.15m**

Source: Aus. Open