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Polocrosse World Championships: More than just sport

When Warwick hosts the Adina Polocrosse World Championships in April, it's not just sport that wins.

The international limelight that comes with hosting the World Championships is also going to be a big boost for the Southern Downs region.

It's expected that 60,000 visitors will attend the World Championships and inject more than \$5 million into Warwick's local economy.

To meet demand for better digital connectivity during the World Championships, I've worked with Telstra and the nbn to setup portable mobile base stations at Morgan Park – that way we can share all the Polocrosse glory with the world as it happens.

Away from all the action at Morgan Park, the Granite Belt region is sure to be a winner for tourists too, as they explore our national parks and eat and drink our famed agricultural produce.

The World Championships and the rural setting of the Southern Downs region are a far cry from the bright lights and city hum of the Gold Coast or Sydney – and that's what makes this event so unique and great for Warwick.

Sharing the uniqueness of our region and showing country hospitality to visitors will surely cement their plans for return visits in the future and, importantly, also help bridge the urban-rural divide.

While agriculture is an economic pillar for our community, tourism and events do play a role in supporting our local businesses, especially during drought.

Supporting local businesses, in a sense, is like supporting the Australian Polocrosse team to win a third World Championship title.

Go Australia!

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