



Consolato d'Italia
Perth

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PRESS STATEMENT BY THE CONSUL OF ITALY IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

As the Italian Consul, I am proud to join the WA Government in announcing this spectacular sporting event: an exceptional match between football giants AS Roma and AC Milan, celebrating Italy's football legacy right here in Perth, in one of the most iconic and futuristic stadiums in the world.

The presence of two Italian clubs in Western Australia symbolizes their global reach and the love they inspire worldwide, paying tribute to our vibrant Italian community in WA and beyond.

The match between Roma and Milan, however, is not just a sporting event: it is a monumental occasion that celebrates the deep cultural bonds between our two peoples through sport diplomacy. It reflects the rich heritage and global appeal of Italian football, signifying the friendship and the growing cooperation at all levels between our two countries.

It also underscores the significant role sports play in forging international friendships and unity, showcasing the very best of Italian culture and the indomitable spirit of our national football.

I extend my gratitude to Premier Roger Cook and Deputy Premier Rita Saffioti for their vision in using sport as a catalyst for community unity and economic growth. This amazing result wouldn't have been possible without their unwavering commitment, determination and passion.

The Consulate of Italy and the Italian Diplomatic Mission will work closely with local organizers to ensure the event's success on and off the field.

We invite all football fans, whether Italian, Australian, or from neighbouring countries, to join us in this exceptional event, for a night where sport transcends boundaries, bringing together people in a celebration of excellence, culture, and friendship.

Thank you.

Sergio Federico Nicolaci