



Delaware North celebrates a successful Commonwealth Games in Melbourne

The Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games ended with a ceremony on March 26, but for Delaware North Companies Australia, the accolades are continuing. Throughout the 12-day event, Delaware North received rave reviews from athletes and officials on the culinary offerings at: the Commonwealth Games Village; Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre; Telstra Dome and Melbourne and Olympic Park.

Approximately 2200 catering staff prepared 400,000 meals for the athletes, media, and staff. The Athlete's Village dining hall alone seated 1,600 people, was open round the clock and provided thousands of meals each day.

David Payne, program manager, catering, cleaning and waste for M2006 said, "Many of the 6000 athletes, team officials and delegates reported that the catering at the athletes village in Melbourne was the 'best food ever' for any Games including previous Commonwealth Games and Olympic Games."

Over the course of 12 days, the Delaware North team served 1 million water bottles, 1 million napkins, 500,000 pieces of fruit, 6,000 loaves of bread and 92,000 eggs, and 80,000 servings of ice cream, just to name a few. Because health is very important to the athletes, Delaware North offered nutrition cards for all recipes supplied at the Athlete's Village dining hall. A well-being desk was established to give athletes access to dieticians throughout the games.

In addition to catering the Games, the team had the added responsibility of hosting the Queen's luncheon at the Athlete's Village, serving 200 VIPs, including the queen herself.

Dana Nelson, managing director for Delaware North Companies Australia said, "This was a momentous occasion for Delaware North and we were thrilled to be part of the excitement and fun of the Games."

Other consumption statistics:
7,400 portions of fresh salmon
950 kgs of prawns
3,500 kgs of grapes
800 boxes of banana
5,500 punnets of strawberry
32,000 lamb cutlets
59,000 tubs of yogurt
14,500 kgs of watermelon

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