

# Media Release

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## **SPORTING CHANCE FOR ABORIGINAL VICTORIANS**

The Andrews Labor Government is helping Aboriginal Victorians get involved in more sport, more often, with new grants available to boost participation and cover expenses, such as uniforms and equipment.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today launched the first ever \$100,000 *Aboriginal Sport Participation Grant Program* as part of NAIDOC week celebrations.

Grants of up to \$1,500 for teams and up to \$1,000 for individuals are available to cover things like team uniforms, sporting equipment, team memberships or travel and accommodation expenses.

From VFL legend Sir Douglas Nicholls to Olympic 400m champion Cathy Freeman, Aboriginal athletes have made a huge impact in the sporting arena and beyond the stands.

The program is about supporting Aboriginal communities to participate in sport and active recreation, reaping all the social and health benefits that community sport offers.

It will build stronger connections within the community sport sector, ensuring individuals, teams and organisations have all the resources they need to provide opportunities for all Victorians.

Applications for funding are open until Sunday, 20 December 2020.

For more information or to apply, visit [sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants](https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants).

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence**

*“Grassroots sports clubs bring people together and create healthier, happier and more united communities.”*

*“I encourage more community-based sporting clubs, Aboriginal organisations, local participants, volunteers and passionate communities to take advantage of this opportunity to nurture and launch the careers of our next generation of champions.”*

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Gabrielle Williams**

*“Sport connects people and connects communities – it’s a crucial part of Victorian life. For every Aboriginal Victorian who wants to get involved on the pitch or on the court, this program is about making that happen.”*