

# Media Release

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## SUPPORTING OUR SHOOTING CLUBS TAKE AIM WITH GRANTS

The Andrews Labor Government is getting on with helping Victoria's shooting clubs develop in a quest for our next Michael Diamond or Catherine Skinner.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced applications are now open for \$4 million in the latest round of the Shooting Sports Facilities Program.

Victorian shooting sports clubs and associations can apply for grants of up to \$300,000 through the Victorian Government program.

Projects can include works to improve the integrity and safety of firing ranges, development of secure storage facilities, upgrades to facilities to increase participation, purchase of shooting equipment and environmental protection works.

More than 200 projects have benefitted from more than \$13 million in government funding for shooting facilities and activities across the state since 2014.

This new round brings the government's investment into the Shooting Sports Facilities Program to more than \$17 million.

The grants provide an opportunity for clubs to boost participation, better accommodate participants of all abilities and provide pathways from the grassroots to the elite level.

From Olympic gold medallist Russell Mark to Commonwealth Gold trap shooter Laetisha Scanlan, shooting clubs in Victoria have a strong history of nurturing local talents into world champions.

For more information about the program visit [sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/shooting-sports-facilities-program](https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/shooting-sports-facilities-program).

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

*"Shooting sports clubs provide a safe and welcoming community space where people of all backgrounds and abilities can learn some great skills and practical tips about safe and responsible use of firearms."*

*"This is a great opportunity for clubs and communities to kick-start projects that can make a real difference to people's lives and be the development hubs of future Olympic champions."*