## **Media Release**

The Hon Ros Spence MP Minister for Multicultural Affairs Minister for Community Sport Minister for Youth



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## CLUBS RECEIVE BOOST TO LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD

The Andrews Labor Government is investing funding to level the playing field for women and girls in sport and active recreation.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced 21 community sporting organisations across the state which will benefit from the first round of the Labor Government's 2020-21 *Change Our Game Community Activation Grants Program*.

The community activation grants, worth \$2,500 each, are designed to support Victorian clubs and sporting organisations to further gender equality through sport and active recreation. This round of the program has been redesigned to fund the delivery of an online workshop for more than 100 nominated club members.

Clubs will be provided with practical guidance on how to increase membership, improve culture and build a safe and welcoming club environment.

Regional and metropolitan clubs will be benefitting from the training, including Albury Wodonga Motorcycle Club, Werribee Football Club and Greater Dandenong Warriors Hockey Club.

The Change Our Game Community Activation Grants Program highlights the Labor Government's ongoing commitment to gender equality across all levels of Victorian sport and active recreation.

The grants are part of the \$7.2 million Government investment in the Change Our Game initiative.

For more information about the *Change Our Game Community Activation Grants Program* and a list of grant recipients, visit changeourgame.vic.gov.au.

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

"Community sporting organisations play an important role in driving positive cultural change and the Change Our Game initiative is helping clubs and organisations throughout Victoria further gender equality through sport."

"We're proud to support clubs in providing opportunities for women and girls to reach their full potential both on and off the field. The timing for these grants is important as community sport regains its momentum across the state."