

Media Release

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UPGRADED STADIUM A WINNER FOR OAKLEIGH COMMUNITY

Local gymnastics, basketball, netball and volleyball players in Oakleigh now have fantastic new indoor facilities after the completion of major works at the Oakleigh Recreation Centre backed by the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today joined Member for Oakleigh Steve Dimopoulos at the centre to officially launch the new facilities, made possible by a \$3 million investment from the *Better Indoor Stadiums Fund* and a \$500,000 loan provided through the *Community Sports Infrastructure Loan Scheme*.

The overhaul of the centre included construction of five new indoor basketball courts, which can also be used for netball, basketball, volleyball and other sports, and an improved gymnasium and group fitness areas.

The conversion has elevated the centre to the status of a state-level gymnastics facility, providing the perfect base for the Waverley Gymnastics Club to grow their numbers and host local and regional competitions.

From playspace upgrades to new sport centres, investments like these provide high quality and accessible places for Victorians to enjoy the benefits of sport and active recreation participation.

They also create jobs, stimulate local economies and fast-tracking community recovery by improving health, wellbeing and social outcomes for Victorian communities.

The Labor Government has invested more than \$1 billion in community sport and active recreation infrastructure since 2014.

Ms Spence acknowledged the Monash City Council, Federal Government and Waverley Gymnastics Club for their commitment and financial contributions to the projects.

For more information about available infrastructure grants visit sport.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"Sporting clubs shouldn't be hamstrung by outdated facilities. They deserve facilities that they can be proud of and that encourage people of all ages and abilities to get involved – and that's what this project has delivered."

"The revamped Oakleigh Recreation Centre opens up a range of fantastic opportunities for the Monash community and we're proud to have backed its development."

Quotes attributable to Member for Oakleigh Steve Dimopoulos

"It's great to see Waverley Gymnastics Club members get the chance to train and hone their skills at a local venue that offers state-level facilities."

"Whether you're a gymnast or a basketballer, netballer or volleyballer – this is a great local asset that will mean more people will be encouraged to get involved in sport and enjoy the benefits of a healthy lifestyle."