

Media Release

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MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN TO CHANGE THE GAME

The Andrews Labor Government is continuing its commitment to levelling the playing field and increasing the number of women and girls participating in sport, from grassroots through to leadership roles.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced applications are now open for round two of the 2020/21 Labor Government's *Change Our Game Scholarship Program*.

The highly successful Change Our Game Scholarship Program supports women to pursue leadership opportunities across all levels of the sector.

Scholarships range in value from \$2,000 to \$10,000 and nominations are open to all recognised state sport and recreation bodies, local government authorities and regional sports assemblies.

This round will also include a category specific to women whose roles have been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

This stream will provide career coaching or career counselling for anyone looking to identify transferrable skills, reskill or re-evaluate a career pathway in the sport and recreation sector.

The scholarship program is tiered to ensure leadership opportunities are extended to women, regardless of their experience, encompassing community sport volunteers through to senior executives at state sporting associations.

Since the scholarship program was introduced in 2018, more than \$1 million has been invested to assist almost 200 Victorian women working and volunteering across all levels of the sport and recreation sector to access a range of professional development opportunities and training courses.

The Government is working to levelling the playing field for women and girls in sport and active recreation, and the scholarships are part of the Government's \$7.2 million investment in the *Change Our Game* initiative.

For more information about the Change Our Game Scholarship Program visit changeourgame.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"The Government is committed to providing leadership opportunities for women and girls, regardless of their experience, so they can reach their full potential both on and off the field."

"I invite eligible organisations from across the state to nominate women within their organisations and broader network to apply for this round of the program."

Quote attributable to CEO Proud 2 Play and 2020 Change Our Game Scholarship recipient Christine Granger

"This program provided me a great opportunity to continue developing my skills and knowledge and lead the important work that Proud 2 Play does in making sport a vehicle to champion social change and increase inclusion outcomes for the LGBTQI+ communities."

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