

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



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GLEN EIRA PAVILIONS SET FOR A MAJOR MAKEOVER

The Andrews Labor Government is investing in major works to sporting reserves in Glen Eira to encourage more people to get involved in community sport.

Works are now underway at both Murrumbeena Park and Carnegie's Lord Reserve, while Koornang Park is set to open up grassroots sport for more female participation, thanks to a \$4 million investment package from the Labor Government.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence joined Glen Eira City Council representatives to officially kickstart the projects that are transforming ageing pavilions at the three parks into bigger and more modern female and family friendly community venues.

Murrumbeena Park is home to an increasing number of clubs including the Murrumbeena Lions Football Netball Club, Murrumbeena Junior Football Club, Murrumbeena Cricket Club, Murrumbeena Bowls Club and Oakdale Angling Club.

The project will modernise the park's ageing pavilion by delivering a community hub with three meeting and multipurpose rooms, a 140-seat function room with kitchen, fully accessible public amenities, sports club changeroom facilities, social space, and a new car park.

In Carnegie, a new pavilion will be built at Koornang Park and the adjacent Lord Reserve pavilion will get an upgrade featuring new female friendly change rooms for resident clubs including Carnegie Cricket Club, Monash Gryphons, and Glen Eira and Caulfield Cougars Soccer Clubs.

The three projects will employ upwards of 60 people, including trades, contractors and consultants, with the projects expected to be complete by mid-2022.

To encourage even more participation at local grassroots clubs like the Murrumbeena Lions, sport vouchers of up to \$200 are now available for eligible kids to help cover the costs of sporting equipment, uniforms and memberships.

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program is a Victorian first and is rolling out 100,000 sport vouchers across the state. To find out more about the Get Active Kids Voucher Program and to apply visit <u>Get Active Victoria</u>.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"For too long local clubs based in Murrumbeena and Carnegie have been hamstrung by ageing facilities, so we're fixing that."

"The female friendly pavilion transformations at these popular Glen Eira parks will open up opportunities for the growing numbers of local footballers, netballers, bowlers, anglers and cricketers to emulate their sports heroes in their own backyard."

Quote attributable to Member for Oakleigh Steve Dimopoulos

"Melbourne's growing Glen Eira community will soon host even more sport thanks to the new pavilions, boosting the local economy, providing jobs, and giving locals the chance to see even more home-grown heroes in action." **Media contact:** Stephanie Hobbs 0429 275 437 | stephanie.hobbs@minstaff.vic.gov.au