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NEW CENTRE SET TO MAKE A SPLASH IN EAST KEILOR

The transformation of the East Keilor Leisure Centre is almost complete thanks to a funding boost from the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence joined Member for Niddrie Ben Carroll to see the progress of works after the Moonee Valley City Council received \$3 million towards the redevelopment through the Labor Government's *Community Sport Infrastructure Fund*.

The old centre had been an integral part of the community, but it had been struggling to cope with growing demand.

The new centre, due to open later this year, will feature an indoor 25-metre pool, learn-to-swim pool, water play area and 50-metre outdoor pool.

There's also a new gym and group fitness and spin studios on the way with rooms for classes and other programs, new change rooms and amenities, family changing spaces and a cafe.

Construction of the new recreation hub is employing more than 850 people with the centre set to employ upwards of 150 people when operational.

The East Keilor project builds on the more than \$1 billion invested in community sport and recreation infrastructure by the Government since December 2014. The *Community Sport Infrastructure Fund* aims to increase participation in community sport and recreation by providing access to modern, high-quality facilities.

From pavilion upgrades to aquatic centre transformations, investments like these provide accessible places for Victorians to pursue an active lifestyle while construction work creates jobs and stimulates local economies.

The Government acknowledges the Moonee Valley City Council for its significant financial contribution and commitment to the East Keilor project.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"We're giving East Keilor the facilities its residents need so more people can make a splash and get active."

"This fantastic centre will be a game-changer, providing even more opportunity for kids to learn to swim and improve their fitness and for mum and dad to take a class or don the swimming goggles themselves."

Quotes attributable to Member for Niddrie Ben Carroll

"From learn-to-swim classes to yoga, the new centre will tick all the boxes when it comes to encouraging locals to get active and healthy."

"We're proud to be getting behind this important project, which will be a winner for local families for years to come."