

Media Release

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PHOENIX SET TO RISE WITH WORK STARTING ON NEW PAVILION

Melton Phoenix Football Club players will soon have modern female friendly facilities with work starting on a new pavilion at MacPherson Park, thanks to funding from the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today joined Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas as construction of the new pavilion officially commenced.

The new facilities have been made possible with \$1.18 million from the first round of the government's *Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program*.

MacPherson Park is the regional sporting hub in the City of Melton, and Melton Phoenix has been an integral part of the local sporting community for more than 50 years.

The new pavilion will feature female friendly change and umpires' rooms, a kitchen, community social space, a first aid room and fully accessible public amenities, to meet the needs of the growing number of girls and women signing up to play.

This will not only be a boost for the players, but will give club administrators greater flexibility in scheduling practice sessions and games at the ground.

The project is expected to generate jobs for 25 people during construction, with the pavilion due for completion mid-2022.

The Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program is supporting Victoria's economy by working with Local Government Authorities, Alpine Resort Boards and sporting organisations to fast-track shovel-ready community sports infrastructure projects across Victoria.

Following overwhelming demand for Round One, an additional \$110 million has been provided through the 2020-21 State Budget for Round Two of the Program.

Not only is this investment supporting local sporting clubs, it's creating jobs and boosting Victoria's economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic.

Quote attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"Sport and active recreation is not just good for our physical and mental health, in growing cities like Melton it brings people together and builds communities."

Quote attributable to Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas

"Melton Phoenix has been a trailblazing club welcoming all players, and it's great to see they will be getting a pavilion that will enable them to attract more players from across this growing community."

Quote attributable to Member for Melton Steve McGhie

"Melton is one of Victoria's fastest growing areas, and it's important that locals have modern and accessible facilities so people can get out and get active."

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