

Media Release

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COMMUNITY CLUBS GIVEN A CHANCE TO CHANGE THE GAME

The Andrews Labor Government is creating more opportunities for women and girls to lead on and off the playing field, through the *Change Our Game Community Activation Grants* Program.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today opened applications for the second round of the Labor Government program, which supports initiatives to further gender equality throughout sport and active recreation.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to eligible clubs and community groups across Victoria and will establish opportunities for women and girls at the grassroots level to enable them to achieve their full potential both on and off the field.

The *Change Our Game Community Activation Grants* program highlights the government's ongoing commitment to gender equality across all levels of the Victorian sport and active recreation sector.

The program has provided 155 grants supporting community sport and recreation organisations to host events ranging from come-and-try days to community forums and educational sessions.

These grants are all part of the Government's \$7.2 million investment in the *Change Our Game* initiative.

For more information about the *Change Our Game* programs visit www.changeourgame.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"We know the critical role grassroots sport plays in bringing communities together, enhancing social cohesion and driving positive social change."

"This program is a great opportunity for community sport and recreation clubs to showcase the important roles women and girls play and further demonstrate that females are given an equal go both on and off the field."

Quotes attributable to Community Activation Grant recipient Coburg Basketball Association's Sally Kerin

"The Change Our Game Community Activation Grant supported our club members with the opportunity to take part in a Gender Equality workshop to help develop a more inclusive and welcoming environment for all."

"Critically, everyone who attended is now aware of the importance of the program and spreading the message of how everyone benefits from gender equality."