

Media Release

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SPORTS TO GET NEW DIGS IN RINGWOOD AND CROYDON

The Andrews Labor Government is backing local sport in Ringwood and Croydon with the construction of new pavilions and more at Ringwood's Jubilee Park and Proclamation Park, and Croydon's Dorset Recreation Reserve.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence joined local members Dustin Halse and Sonja Terpstra, along with City of Maroondah Councillors to officially launch construction on the community sport infrastructure projects at the three venues, made possible thanks to \$4.1 million from the Labor Government.

Home to several clubs including Ringwood Cricket Club, Ringwood Croquet Club, Ringwood Football Club, Ringwood Tennis Club and Ringwood City Soccer Club, Jubilee Park is one of the most popular sports precincts in Ringwood.

Once complete the transformed R.O. Spencer pavilion will feature female friendly player change rooms and amenities, providing a place for clubs to host training and local competition.

The Labor Government has invested \$2 million into the Jubilee Park pavilion project from the *Community Sports Infrastructure Fund*. It's expected to be complete by July.

Home to the Ringwood Saints Baseball Club, Proclamation Park is also a local cricket hub with the Ringwood Cricket Club and Heathmont Cricket Club calling the facility home.

The new pavilion will bring sports at the ground under the one roof, providing female friendly facilities for the growing numbers keen to join local clubs based at the park.

The Government has invested \$100,000 into the project through the Government's \$13.5 million *Community Cricket Program*. This project is also supported by a significant contribution from City of Maroondah, along with \$20,000 from Cricket Victoria through the Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund. It is expected to be complete by March 2022.

At Dorset Recreation Reserve construction will commence on a modern home for the growing ranks at Croydon City Soccer Club, the Eastern Karen Community Association and Maroondah's Chin community.

Works will include construction of a two-storey female friendly multipurpose pavilion as well as a new main soccer and synthetic pitch with lighting and relocation and improvement of the existing playground at the reserve.

The Government has invested \$2 million from the *Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program* in the Dorset Recreation Reserve project, which is expected to be complete by September.

The Community Cricket Program was established to support the development of cricket across the state, and the Labor Government has invested more than \$1 billion in community sport and recreation infrastructure since 2014.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"We're seeing growing numbers of girls and boys, women and men signing up to play sport in growing areas like Maroondah – that's why these upgrades are so important."

"We want all Victorians to have high quality facilities regardless of where they live or what gender they are – and through projects like these, we're delivering."

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