

Media Release

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NETS STADIUM SCORES NEW COURTS

The Andrews Labor Government has delivered four new and upgraded indoor and outdoor netball courts for the Macleod community.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence officially launched the new court developments at Nets Stadium, with a \$1.5 million Labor Government investment through the *Community Sports Infrastructure Fund*.

The two new outdoor courts come complete with lighting and roof structure, creating more opportunities for local netball to host training, development programs and local competitions day and night in any weather.

The upgrades will directly benefit the Banyule and District Netball Association and Macleod College students, who can also look forward to new timber sprung floors providing a better surface for indoor competitions.

Netball is as popular as ever in the Banyule community with almost 2,500 players signed up to play in local Netball Victoria competitions. Nets Stadium now has two new outdoor courts and two upgraded indoor courts for players to showcase their skills.

The Labor Government has invested more than \$1.05 billion in community sport and active recreation infrastructure since 2014.

This includes \$110 million in the *Victorian Budget 2020/21* to boost the Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program, as well as an extra \$27 million to make sure our sports facilities are accessible to more people.

From new sports pavilions to new courts, investments like these provide high-quality and accessible facilities that allow Victorians to reap the benefits of sport and active recreation participation.

They are also about creating jobs, stimulating local economies and fast-tracking community recovery by improving the health, wellbeing, and social outcomes for Victorian communities.

To encourage even more participation, sport vouchers of up to \$200 are available for eligible kids to help cover the costs of sporting equipment, uniforms and memberships. The program is a Victorian first and is rolling out 100,000 sport vouchers. To find out more about the *Get Active Kids Voucher Program* visit getactive.vic.gov.au.

For more information about infrastructure grant opportunities available through the government visit sport.vic.gov.au.

Quote attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"The new courts at Nets Stadium are a win for the whole community and add a whole new dimension to local sport and education here in Macleod."

Quote attributable to Member for Ivanhoe Anthony Carbines

"Sport is the lifeblood of Banyule and local communities across Victoria. As locals return to Nets Stadium, we're making sure they have the facilities they deserve to play the sports they love."

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