

Media Release

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GIPPSLAND WOMEN CHANGING THE GAME FOR SPORT

Gippsland women working and volunteering in sport and recreation are changing the game with support from the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today met with members of *Changing Gippsland's Game*, who have received training and development opportunities through the *Change Our Game* initiative over the past three years.

Local community group GippSport received a \$60,000 grant to deliver *Changing Gippsland's Game* – a mentoring and leadership program for women working and volunteering in sport and recreation – with 18 women benefiting from activities to enhance career pathways in sport as well as networking opportunities and peer support.

GippSport was last year also awarded one of two spots in the *Change Our Game Regional Governance Program*, which aimed to build the knowledge, skills and abilities of women in regional communities.

Additionally, GippSport staff Michelle Harris and Amelia Evison have delivered training to 44 volunteers in Gippsland after completing a “train the trainer” program, which provides skills and knowledge to women working and volunteering in sport. The training program is expected to support a further 16 volunteers by the end of June.

The funding is part of the Labor Government’s \$7.2m commitment to level the playing field for women and girls on and off the field.

For more information about the *Change Our Game* initiative, visit changeourgame.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

“The Change Our Game initiative has given women in Gippsland the skills and confidence to take on important leadership roles in their clubs and associations.”

“Women working and volunteering in Gippsland’s sport and recreation sector do great work for their communities and we’re proud to be backing their development and career advancement.”

Quote attributable to GippSport senior sports consultant Michelle Harris

“We have amazing women working across our Changing Gippsland’s Game programs in a wide variety of roles – this funding has recognised the importance of their work and created opportunities for future generations.”