

Media Release

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HELP FOR SPORTING CLUBS TO NEGOTIATE RESTRICTIONS HURDLE

The Victorian Government is delivering more support for grassroots sports clubs and their members with new payments towards costs associated with coronavirus restrictions.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced grants of \$2,000 were available for clubs hit hard by the effects of the latest restrictions.

The grants from the *Sporting Club Grants Program* are available for clubs that have incurred costs that cannot be recouped after events or activities were cancelled or postponed. Costs available to be claimed include cancellation fees for facilities, coaches and officials, as well as loss of perishable goods and booking fees.

Previous grant recipients include Central Victoria Swimming which received \$2,000 towards recouping event costs for program printing and medals and trophies after a two-day carnival was cancelled.

Park Orchards Basketball Club received \$2,000 towards hall hire and registration costs associated with the cancellation of their 3 x 3 Hustle tournament and Mount Prospect District Tennis Association received \$2,000 for catering and court preparation costs after two of its events were cancelled.

The *Sporting Club Grants Program* is part of the Government's work to make sport more accessible and inclusive, stimulate local economies, build sustainable sport and recreation and volunteer opportunities, and increase local participation.

Grassroots clubs and organisations are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

Since 2014, the Government has provided more than 8,100 sporting club grants totalling more than \$12 million to clubs across the state.

The Government has also allocated more than \$30 million to clubs, leagues, state associations and other organisations from the *Community Sport Sector COVID-19 Short-Term Survival Package*.

For more information on the grants program and a full list of recipients go to sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"This funding will help clubs that have lost revenue due to event cancellations, to support them and their members through to the other side of the pandemic."

"Our community sporting clubs have been recovering strongly this year and with support, will quickly resume their momentum once the current restrictions have been lifted."

Quote attributable to Mount Prospect District Tennis Association secretary James Maher

"The funding was a real lifeline and the club was grateful to get the support after we could no longer run our two events, covering catering and court preparation costs."