

# Media Release

**The Hon Shaun Leane MLC**  
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Acting Minister for Community Sport



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## BACKING ABORIGINAL VICTORIANS ACROSS A RANGE OF SPORTS

The Andrews Labor Government is helping Aboriginal Victorians get involved in sport and recreation with new grants available to increase participation and cover the costs of uniforms and equipment.

Acting Minister for Community Sport Shaun Leane today launched the 2021-2022 *Aboriginal Sport Participation Grant Program* with \$50,000 worth of grants available.

Grants of up to \$1,500 are available for teams to participate in statewide or national carnivals, grants of up to \$1,000 are available to cover items like team uniforms and sporting equipment and grants of up to \$750 are available for travel and accommodation expenses.

Previous grant recipients include the Burnanga Indigenous Fishing Club which received \$1,000 for uniforms and support to represent the club at events and competitions, and Northcote Junior Football Club which received \$1,000 for uniforms for local Aboriginal players.

The program reflects the Government's commitment to supporting the Victorian Aboriginal community and builds stronger connections within the community sport sector.

Since the start of the program in 2020, the Government has provided 114 grants totalling more than \$126,000 to Aboriginal community run organisations, clubs and individuals across the state.

It's one of the many ways the Government is ensuring individuals, teams and organisations have all the resources they need to provide opportunities for all Victorians.

Applications for funding are open until 4 August 2021.

For more information or to apply visit [sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants](https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants).

### Quotes attributable to Acting Minister for Community Sport Shaun Leane

*"Grassroots sports clubs are often the heart and soul of our community, bringing people together and creating healthier, happier, and more united communities."*

*"I encourage sporting clubs, Aboriginal organisations, local participants, volunteers and passionate communities to take up this opportunity."*

### Quote attributable to Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Gabrielle Williams

*"This is about supporting more Aboriginal Victorians to be physically active and supporting our indigenous stars of the future."*

### Quote attributable to Burnanga Indigenous Fishing Club President Corey Walker

*"The Burnanga Indigenous Fishing Club and members appreciated the support and funds through the Aboriginal Sport Participation Grant. It's supporting the much-needed design and purchase of our fishing competition shirts for our members and community."*

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