

Media Release

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BULLSEYE – NEW GRANTS BACK VICTORIAN SHOOTING CLUBS

The Andrews Labor Government is helping shooting sports clubs develop their facilities and create an inclusive and friendly environment.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced that 29 recipients across the state will share in \$4 million as part of the latest round of the *Shooting Sports Facilities Program*.

The grants allow clubs to improve the quality and sustainability of local shooting sports facilities and activities.

Mallacoota Gun Club will receive \$286,713 to rebuild its facilities after the devastating bushfires, nearly \$300,000 will go towards Olympic and Paralympic upgrades at Werribee Victorian Clay Target Club, while Sale Pistol Club will use \$22,875 to install solar panels to bring power to the site.

Additional funding will be provided to clubs that shoot outdoors to develop an Environmental Management Plan to support them to manage their environmental obligations.

Since 2014, 208 projects have benefitted from more than \$13.4 million in funding to improve the quality and sustainability of shooting sports facilities and activities across the state.

The grants provide an opportunity for clubs to boost participation, better accommodate people of all abilities and provide real pathways from the grassroots to the elite level.

From Olympic gold medallists Russell Mark and Catherine Skinner to Commonwealth Gold trap shooter Laetisha Scanlan, shooting clubs in Victoria have a strong history of nurturing local talents into world champions.

Shooting sports clubs are also a great place for locals to get together and enjoy the benefits of outdoor recreation and learn about the safe and responsible use of firearms.

For more information about the program visit sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

“Shooting sports clubs provide a safe and welcoming community space where people of all backgrounds and abilities can learn some great skills and practical tips about safe and responsible use of firearms.”

“These projects will help more clubs provide important meeting places for locals and encourage active community participation at modern, accessible and safe facilities.”

Quote attributable to Mallacoota Gun Club Treasurer David Whittle

“The funding for the rebuild of the Mallacoota Gun Club after the devastating bushfires last year means the club will be able to build a bigger and better facility that will be able to serve the clay target communities of East Gippsland for many years to come.”

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