

# Media Release

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## GOLF SCHOLARSHIPS TEE UP MORE CAREERS IN VICTORIA

The Victorian Government has announced more scholarships to promote job opportunities in the golf industry.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence also today announced the recipients of the inaugural round of the game-changing *Golf Scholarship Program*, with six Victorians supported in playing, administration, journalism, horticulture and course design.

Among the recipients is Jacqui Colbert from the Bright Golf Club, who has secured a grant of \$7,500 towards the cost of completing a Certificate 3 in sports turf management at Holmesglen TAFE.

The other scholarship grant recipients are:

- Keegan Powell from The Sands Golf Club, to help pay for an MBA through Victoria University
- Rebecca Thomas from Leongatha Golf Club, to complete a Certificate IV in Work Health and Safety
- Alexandra Hilliard from Commonwealth Golf Club, to compete on the WPGA Tour of Australasia
- Andre Lautee from Kingston Heath Golf Club, to compete on the US Amateur circuit and US PGA Tour qualifying school
- Lukas Michel, elite Australian amateur golfer, nominated by Golf Australia for a study tour with top US golf course designers to further his developing career in the course construction industry.

Golf in Victoria contributes \$883 million to the state's economy and supports 6,900 jobs – this program is part of the Government's \$7.46 million *Supporting Growth of Golf Clubs Around Victoria* initiative.

Scholarships of up to \$7,500 are available under golf administration, player, horticulture and design categories, with a focus on providing more opportunities for women, gender diverse or non-binary people.

Applications for the new round of the *Golf Scholarship Program* close on 28 October 2021. For more information about the program visit [sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding](https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

*"From Marc Leishman striding the world stage to kids starting out on their local courses, Victorians love playing golf and the sport supports thousands of jobs across the state."*

*"This is about providing opportunities for players, administrators, greenskeepers, designers and others to build a satisfying career – I encourage anyone who would benefit from this support to put their name forward."*

### Quote attributable to Golf Australia chief executive James Sutherland

*"We congratulate this round of recipients and we know that the scholarships will provide some great support for people in the golf industry at a time when it's most needed."*

### Quote attributable to the Bright Golf Club greenskeeper Jacqui Colbert

*"It's always been a dream of mine to be a golf course superintendent and I thank the Victorian Government for providing this opportunity to realise that dream and take my education to the next level."*

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