

# Media Release

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## MORE SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY SPORT ACROSS VICTORIA

The Andrews Labor Government is providing more support to the community sport sector to help it recover from the pandemic and allow more Victorians to get active.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced more than \$10 million in grants through the fourth round of the *Community Sport Sector COVID-19 Survival Package* for 6,591 local associations, leagues and clubs across Victoria.

Clubs will receive grants of \$1,500 and local leagues and associations will receive \$2,500 to help recoup lost revenue after the cancellation of training, development programs and competitions during the pandemic.

The program also enables grassroots community sports to safely operate, support their members and athletes, and assist in the development of COVIDSafe sports plans.

Recipients of this round of grants include Sunbury Rebels Basketball Club, Bendigo Strikers Cricket Club, Gippsland Soccer League, Wattle Glen Tennis Club, Ballarat Kendo Club, Nhill Golf Club, Hockey Albury Wodonga, Lilydale Sailing Club and Mount Macedon Petanque Club.

The Labor Government already provided \$40 million through three previous rounds of the program to more than 6,970 clubs, 490 leagues and associations and 75 state sporting associations, state sport and active recreation organisations and regional academies. Previous recipients have been eligible for top up grants.

For more information about the *Community Sport Sector COVID-19 Survival Package* visit [sport.vic.gov.au](https://sport.vic.gov.au).

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

*"Our local clubs and leagues are the lifeblood of local communities and that's why we're backing them as they recover from the pandemic and helping them thrive on the other side."*

### Quote attributable to Sunbury Rebels Basketball Club President Marnie Webber

*"Our club would have folded without this survival package, we are so thankful to the Victorian Government for their support – Basketball is not just a sport but a community that keeps people together."*

### Quotes attributable to Bendigo Strikers Cricket Club Secretary Josan George

*"We will be using a part of this funding to buy essential items like hand sanitizer, cleaning wipes and more to ensure we're able to follow all government instructions and safely get back to the game."*