

Media Release

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TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF FEMALE SPORTS LEADERS

The next generation of female sporting leaders will be supported to reach their potential thanks to the latest round of scholarships offered by the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced 49 recipients of the *Change Our Game Scholarship Grants* program, who represent a diversity of sports including swimming, gymnastics, touch football and rowing.

Each recipient will receive a scholarship up to \$10,000 to pursue professional development opportunities, training courses and assist with paid or volunteer roles across the sector.

Among the recipients is Ella Squires of Touch Football Victoria who will undertake the Oxford Executive Leadership Programme and Priscilla Duncan of Cricket Victoria who will complete studies at Melbourne Business School.

Organisations have also received scholarships to facilitate courses for emerging leaders within their community, including Wyndham City Council and Life Saving Victoria.

The Change Our Game Scholarship Grants program is offered through the Office for Women in Sport and Recreation and has invested more than \$1.4 million through 263 grants for Victorian women since the program commenced in 2018.

To find out more about *Change Our Game* visit changeourgame.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"The Change Our Game Scholarships deliver critical funding to women in sport and I can't wait to see them pursue their passion for leadership in the sector."

"We have made huge investments to help level the playing field for women and girls who want to get involved in sport and active recreation – whether on or off the field."

Quote attributable to Office for Women in Sport and Recreation Director Sarah Styles

"These scholarships are a great example of how the Office for Women in Sport and Recreation is supporting women and girls to follow their dream, reach their full sporting potential and develop the next generation of leaders."

Quote attributable to previous scholarship recipient Kirsty Wrice

"The Change Our Game scholarship has given me a renewed confidence and drive in both my professional and personal life, and further aided my aspirations to become an emerging leader within the sports industry."