

# Media Release

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## **SHE'S ON THE MONEY: NEW FINANCE COURSE FOR WOMEN IN SPORT**

Women eager to progress their careers in sports management are set to benefit from a new Andrews Labor Government pilot program, strengthening finance and investment knowledge for women in sports leadership.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced applications for the *Change Our Game* Finance for Non-Financial Managers pilot are now open, with the program being delivered in partnership with Melbourne Business School (MBS).

Strong financial management skills are critical for securing and succeeding at the executive level in sport management and this training is specifically designed to support and empower women as they progress.

Up to ten women will be selected to take part in the three-day intensive MBS course, covering accounting, budgeting, interpreting financial statements, risk assessment, and financial reporting specific to the sporting sector.

The Labor Government continues to strive for gender equity both on and off the field, creating more education and participation opportunities through the *Change Our Game* initiative.

The Office for Women in Sport and Recreation has proven success with pilot programs, including the Women in Sports Broadcasting Program which is approaching the end of its second year.

To find out more about the *Change Our Game* Finance for Non-Financial Managers Pilot and to see if you're eligible, visit [www.changeourgame.vic.gov.au](http://www.changeourgame.vic.gov.au).

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

*"Gender diversity in sport can only bring about better decision making and this pilot is a way to increase the representation of women in the business side of sport."*

*"This is another way the Government is reducing the barriers facing women in sports leadership and helping them advance their careers all the way to the highest level."*

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Women Gabrielle Williams**

*"Creating more opportunities for women to succeed as leaders in sports management is imperative to driving change."*

*"Knowledge is power, and the representation of more women in sport brings us one step closer to gender equity in this male-dominated profession."*

### **Quotes attributable to Head of the Office for Women in Sport and Recreation Sarah Styles**

*"Not everyone has strong exposure to finance and accounting on their path to leadership and yet, it is a critical skill for anyone aspiring to executive, chief executive and governance roles."*

*"That's why we are trialing this new program to ensure women in sport and active recreation have every opportunity to secure and thrive in the leadership roles they are pursuing."*

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