

Media Release

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MOTORSPORT GRANTS HELP MORE CLUBS REV BACK INTO ACTION

Motorsport track upgrades across the state are in top gear, thanks to support from the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced the 78 projects that will share in more than \$1.6 million through the latest round of the *Community Motorsport Program*.

There are 66 grants that will go towards motorsport and motorcycling clubs from across Victoria to upgrade safety, train volunteers and officials, boost participation particularly for women and girls and host events.

The Castlemaine and District Motorcycle Club is receiving \$4,500 to run first responder training for volunteers while \$6,000 will go towards to the Victorian Flag Marshalling Team to purchase first aid kits and upgrade their outdated club membership systems.

Eight grants totalling more than \$262,000 will also go towards equipment, including more than \$32,000 for an accurate race timing system at North West Victorian Motorcycle Club.

Four grants will go towards infrastructure investments, with more than \$292,000 allocated for two new buildings at Bryant Park Hillclimb venue in Yallourn and more than \$230,000 for a track extension and pit lane redevelopment at the Central Highlands Regional Karting Complex in Haddon home of the Ballarat Kart Club.

The *Community Motorsport Program* is part of the Labor Government's \$7.4 million *Racing Into a New Era for Motorsport* initiative.

Motorsport in Victoria supports more than 4,000 jobs and contributes more than \$806 million to the Victorian economy.

Since 2014, the Government has invested more than \$1.1 billion in community sporting infrastructure.

Applications for the fourth and final round of the *Motorsport Club Assistance Category* of the Program are still open and close on 30 June 2022. For more information about the *Community Motorsport Program* visit sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"With more and more Victorians returning to the track, we're giving clubs the support they need to rev up participation."

"Better facilities and equipment help motorsport and motorcycling clubs provide a safer and welcoming community space. I encourage local clubs to take advantage of all the opportunities the Community Motorsport Program offers."

Quote attributable to Secretary of the Ballarat Kart Club Paul Feely

"The Club is very excited to receive this major contribution of funds from the Government, which will make a significant difference to the operation of the venue and ensure a better competitor, volunteer and spectator experience."

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