

# Media Release

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## NEW MACEDON RANGES SPORTS PRECINCT UNDERWAY

A new sports precinct in New Gisborne is set to give regional athletes the ultimate home advantage as the Andrews Labor Government continues to invest in community sport in the Macedon Ranges.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today joined Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas and representatives from Macedon Ranges Shire Council as works officially started on the Macedon Ranges Regional Sports Precinct, backed by a \$14.8 million investment from the Labor Government.

Featuring an indoor multi-sports stadium with three competition courts, the show courts will be line marked for netball and basketball, while the stadium will also be able to host badminton and volleyball.

Adjacent to the stadium, a sports oval and pavilion with female friendly change rooms will be built to support the development of local football and cricket.

Once complete, the new sporting precinct will be a boost for local clubs and their players as well as community groups to meet and develop local programs.

The project is expected to create 68 full-time jobs during construction, and another 23 jobs once fully operational.

Feasibility studies have shown a growing need for new courts and sporting fields in the area with more families moving into New Gisborne and surrounding suburbs.

The Government's investment in the precinct includes \$11.6 million from the *Local Sports Grants* initiative and \$3.2 million from the *Growing Suburbs Fund*, with Macedon Ranges Shire Council contributing more than \$10 million and the AFL \$100,000. The Albanese Government has also committed \$15 million towards the project.

Investments like these are all about creating jobs, stimulating local economies, and fast-tracking community recovery by improving the health, wellbeing, and social outcomes for Victorian communities.

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

*"New Gisborne is one of the fastest growing areas in the Macedon Ranges, and it's important that local communities have modern and accessible sporting facilities so people can get out and stay active."*

*"Community sport is not just important for our physical and mental health but it also brings people together, keeping Victorians connected."*

### Quote attributable to Minister for Local Government Shaun Leane

*"The Growing Suburbs Fund is delivering the infrastructure communities need most while also creating jobs."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas

*"Local sport is an integral part of our regional communities. Growing towns across the Macedon Ranges deserve facilities they can be proud of."*

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