

Media Release

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NEW HOME GROUND ADVANTAGE FOR SPORT IN CLYDE

The Andrews Labor Government is building up community sport in Clyde, with works underway on a hub in one of Melbourne's fastest growing suburbs.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence joined local members Jordan Crugnale and Pauline Richards to view progress on the transformation of Clyde Recreation Reserve.

The hub is made possible by a \$3 million funding package from the Labor Government's *Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program* making sure local football, rugby, cricket, netball and tennis fans have access to new ovals and courts where they are needed most.

The upgrade includes adding three new ovals, two netball courts, cricket nets, an eight-court tennis facility, removable rugby union goals on one of the ovals, a playspace, and a network of cycling and walking paths.

There'll be a community pavilion featuring eight female friendly change-rooms, two referee's rooms, a first aid room, a kitchen and canteen, social space, an office, scorer's room and storage.

The tennis courts will also have a separate pavilion with a community room, female friendly change rooms, kitchen, storage, office and an external covered viewing area.

The new facilities will be a boost for the Clyde Cricket Club, Clyde Football Club, Clyde Tennis Club, Eastern Rebels Cricket Club and Casey Crusaders Rugby Union Club, as well as providing new spaces for the nearby Clyde Creek Primary School and local community groups.

The project has created over 270 jobs and construction is due to be complete later this year.

The *Victorian Budget 2022/23* is providing a further \$88 million to deliver new and improved community sports infrastructure and programs to boost participation, bringing the Government's investment in community sport and infrastructure to more than \$1.2 billion since 2014.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"Through projects like these we're making sure growing communities have the facilities they need to encourage more people to get involved in local sport and recreation, stay healthy and connect."

"I'd like to thank the Casey City Council for its financial contribution to the project that is set to be a game changer for this growing community."

Quote attributable to Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale

"This will be a phenomenal focal point and meeting place for our community, local schools and of course home to our loved rugby, football, cricket and tennis clubs - district quality ovals, courts and lights, community pavilions, walks and playground. It's a precinct!"

Quote attributable for Member for Cranbourne Pauline Richards

"Casey is one of the fastest growing areas in Victoria and it's important that locals have modern and accessible facilities so people can get out and get active."

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