

# Media Release

**The Hon Ros Spence MP**  
Minister for Prevention of Family Violence  
Minister for Multicultural Affairs  
Minister for Community Sport  
Minister for Youth



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## **BOWLING UP BETTER CRICKET PITCHES ACROSS VICTORIA**

The Andrews Labor Government is backing community cricket clubs with grants for more nets, ovals and pitches.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today joined Member for Essendon Danny Pearson at Boeing Reserve in Strathmore Heights to announce the latest 17 recipients of the Labor Government's the \$13.5 million *Community Cricket Program*.

At Boeing Reserve \$100,000 will go towards new cricket practice nets for Strathmore Heights Cricket Club, Strathmore Cricket Club and the Last Man Stands social competition.

Other recipients of the program include \$100,000 for cricket nets at Marie Wallace Bayswater Oval and \$100,000 towards an oval redevelopment and cricket nets at Victoria Park Reserve in Ballarat.

Since 2019, the *Community Cricket Program* has invested in 63 cricket infrastructure projects across Victoria helping clubs modernise their facilities and cater for even more people keen to get involved in cricket.

The *Victorian Budget 2022/23* is providing \$88 million to deliver new and improved community sports infrastructure and programs to boost participation in local sports clubs and organisations.

This brings the Labor Government's investment into community sport and active recreation infrastructure to more than \$1.2 billion since 2014.

For more information about the *Community Cricket Program* including the latest recipients visit [sport.vic.gov.au](http://sport.vic.gov.au).

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

*"These upgrades provide aspiring cricketers the best opportunity to get involved with their local club and pursue their sporting dreams."*

*"Improving these venues is vital to increasing participation of players, umpires and coaches for community cricket clubs right across Victoria."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Essendon Danny Pearson**

*"The new cricket nets at Boeing Reserve mean a new generation of local cricket stars will get more runs on the board."*

### **Quote attributable to President of Strathmore Heights Cricket Club Stuart Fergie**

*"This funding is fantastic for us and will make a huge difference to our club, and our junior cricket program, in particular with the new nets inspiring even more locals to play."*

### **Quote attributable to Cricket Victoria CEO Nick Cummins**

*"Cricket is a strong part of the fabric of our Victorian community and these projects will inspire even more locals to pick up a bat and ball and join their local cricket club."*

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