

# Media Release

## The Hon Ros Spence MP

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## RAMPING UP SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY SPORT VOLUNTEERS

The Andrews Labor Government is backing community sport volunteers to get involved with the sports they love.

Volunteers were overnight celebrated with a thank you event at the MCG to recognise their outstanding contributions while it was also announced that more than \$225,000 will be invested in a new *Sport Volunteer Support* partnership with Vicsport.

The state's peak body for sport will engage volunteers and industry experts to develop videos and interactive materials focusing on recruitment, retention and recognition.

The plan is being designed in bid to encourage and support more volunteers to get involved with community sport clubs and associations as they rebuild following seasons disrupted by the pandemic.

Volunteers are the backbone of community sport, with an estimated 738,000 Victorians currently volunteering their time at clubs and associations.

In 2020 more than 3 million Australians donated their time and energy to community sport clubs, contributing up to \$4 billion in economic, social and cultural benefits.

Initiatives like these improve the capacity of sporting clubs to increase participation while giving volunteers the support, pathways and recognition they deserve.

For more information this initiative visits [sport.vic.gov.au](http://sport.vic.gov.au).

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

*"Grassroots clubs wouldn't be the same without their volunteers and that's why we're supporting them with the resources they need so more people can get involved with the sports they love."*

*"After a challenging couple of years, it's important to recognise the important role of volunteers and ensuring even more get involved with their local clubs."*

### Quote attributable to the Minister for Sport, Tourism and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos

*"We're proud to be supporting more volunteers – because we know how vital they are to grassroots clubs and ensuring more people get involved in community sport."*

### Quote attributable to CEO of Vicsport Lisa Hasker

*"Volunteers are the backbone of community sport, this project will enable clubs to support volunteers to engage, return and remain in sport and support Victorians to be active."*

### Quote attributable to Heathmont Jets Football Netball Club Junior Club President Jo Heart-Parker

*"Volunteers need all the support we can get, and I would like to thank the Government for investing resources that can build our ranks so we can help the clubs we love."*

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