

Media Release

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MORE CLUBS SCORE WORLD GAME GOALS

Victorians can look forward to emulating their World Cup heroes at enhanced local soccer venues with better pitches, pavilions and lighting, thanks to the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced seven projects would benefit from a share in more than \$2.6 million from the latest round of the Labor Government's *World Game Facilities Fund*.

The Minister visited Monterey Park, home of Frankston Pines Soccer Club, to announce that \$315,000 will be provided to deliver lighting upgrades at the reserve.

Other projects include \$500,000 towards a new pavilion at HC Kim Reserve, home of Altona City Football Club, and more than \$188,000 towards a lighting upgrade at the Latrobe University Football Fields in Wodonga, home of the Wodonga Diamonds Football Club and Murray United Football Club.

Since 2018, the Fund has invested more than \$19.3 million into 65 game-changing infrastructure projects worth almost \$70 million across Victoria.

The Fund provides grants of up to \$500,000 to Local Government Authorities and Alpine Resort Boards to deliver lighting, better turf and synthetic pitches, and female friendly change rooms.

Interest in soccer is already at record levels and is expected to jump further with the Socceroos qualifying for the World Cup in Qatar and Australia co-hosting the FIFA Women's World Cup in 2023.

The Government is ensuring more grassroots football clubs have the facilities they need to cater for this growing demand.

The funding is part of more than \$1.6 billion invested by the Government in community sport and active recreation infrastructure since 2014.

For a full list of the 2022 projects and more information about the *World Game Facilities Fund* visit sport.vic.gov.au.

Quote attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"Football is only growing in its popularity in Victoria and that's why we're investing in community clubs so they can have the best possible pitches and nets."

Quote attributable to Member for Frankston Paul Edbrooke

"I am really excited for this project, as it will cater for the ever-increasing popularity of football in the Frankston area."

Quote attributable to Football Victoria CEO Kimon Taliadoros

"Football is more than just a game, it breaks down barriers and brings communities together – that's why we're delighted to see even more clubs able to meet community demand for football through the latest round of the World Game Facilities Fund."

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