

# Media Release

## The Hon Ros Spence MP

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## NEW DIGS FOR CHELSEA AND CHELTENHAM SPORTS

The Andrews Labor Government is continuing to support more women and girls get into community sport in the south-eastern suburbs, with upgraded pavilions in Cheltenham and Chelsea.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today joined the City of Kingston and local clubs to officially open the upgraded buildings at both reserves, made possible by a \$280,000 Labor Government investment.

The funding through the *Female Friendly Facilities Fund* has delivered new change rooms for Le Page Cricket Club and Cheltenham Junior Football Club.

There's also a new umpire change room, bathrooms, and improved accessibility around the pavilion.

At Chelsea Recreation Reserve, the pavilion used by Chelsea Junior Football Club, Chelsea Football Netball Club and the Chelsea Cricket Club also received a female friendly makeover featuring home and away change room upgrades.

The recent release of the Government's Fair Access Policy Roadmap will ensure women and girls no matter where they live have better access to, and use of, community sports infrastructure.

From July 2024, all Victorian councils will need to ensure fair access to sporting facilities for people of all genders to be considered eligible to receive infrastructure funding.

The Government has invested more than \$1.6 billion in community sport infrastructure since 2014.

For more information about infrastructure grant opportunities available visit [sport.vic.gov.au](https://sport.vic.gov.au).

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

*"Women and girls deserve the same opportunities as men in community sport and that's why these upgrades at Cheltenham and Chelsea are so important."*

*"We're investing in female friendly changerooms and upgrades at community sports grounds so everyone can get involved and get active."*

### Quotes attributable to Mayor of City of Kingston Steve Staikos

*"These projects are not just physical improvements to facilities but represent another important step in providing the necessary infrastructure to give Kingston's women and girls equal access to sports."*

*"All the proud resident clubs now have what they need to build on their wonderful achievements and take local sport into the future without the barriers that have prevented many women and girls from participating across all the codes."*