

Media Release

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HORSHAM CITY OVAL NETS UPGRADE

The Andrews Labor Government is ensuring more netballers can hit the court in Western Victoria with a major upgrade in Horsham.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today joined Horsham Rural City Council Mayor Robyn Gulline to announce the Labor Government's \$800,000 investment from the *Local Sports Infrastructure Fund* for new netball courts at Horsham City Oval.

The Oval is home to the Horsham Demons Football Netball Club and is a key venue for the Wimmera Football Netball League.

The Government's funding boost will deliver two new courts complete with competition-grade lighting, while the pavilion will also be upgraded to have new player and umpire change rooms, accessible bathrooms, a social area and medical room.

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

It is backed by the recent release of the Government's *Fair Access Policy Roadmap* aimed at ensuring women and girls get equal access to community sport facilities across the state.

Minister Spence acknowledged Horsham Rural City Council for its contribution of more than \$340,000 to the project, along with more than \$1.8 million from the Federal Government.

The Government has invested more than \$1.6 billion in community sport and active recreation infrastructure since 2014. For more info about the program including the latest grant recipients visit sport.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"Victorians love their sport and we're ensuring people can continue to stay active and social with the best local sports ovals and courts they deserve."

"These new courts will encourage more people to get on the court and will help local teams and leagues reach their full potential."

Quote attributable to Member for Western Victoria Region Jaala Pulford

"Netball is booming, and this new venue ticks all the boxes when it comes to catering for growing demand."

Quotes attributable to Horsham Rural City Council Robyn Gulline

"We're proud to partner with the Victorian Government on game changing netball court and pavilion upgrades."

"They will go a long way to supporting the growing numbers of locals keen to get involved in an even wider range of sports at the ground."

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