

# 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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## HOWZAT! NEW CRICKET TRAINING FACILITY IN WALLAN

Wallan District Cricket Club can now ramp up their training and development ahead of summer, with new wickets at their home ground at Greenhill Reserve, thanks to the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today officially opened the new outdoor training pitches and nets made possible by a \$100,000 grant from the Labor Government's *Community Cricket Program*.

The home ground is now fitted out with five synthetic cricket pitches providing more opportunities for locals to practice their bowling and batting.

The new training wickets complement the recently completed pavilion upgrades, new lighting, play space and main oval upgrade, also backed by the Government with an investment of more than \$1.6 million.

The redevelopment caters for the growing number of participants in community sport at clubs like Wallan District Cricket Club and Wallan Magpies Football Netball Club.

Since 2019, the *Community Cricket Program – Community Facilities stream* has invested more than \$5.6 million in 59 cricket infrastructure projects across Victoria.

This initiative is part of the Government's investment of more than \$1.6 billion in community sport and recreation infrastructure since 2014. Investments like these are all about creating jobs, stimulating local economies, and improving the health, wellbeing, and social outcomes for Victorian communities.

The recent release of the Government's *Fair Access Policy Roadmap* will also help to ensure women and girls get equal access to community sport facilities, like cricket training nets, across the state.

Minister Spence acknowledged the Mitchell Shire Council for its contribution of more than \$283,000 to the project, and Cricket Australia for its contribution of \$50,000 from its *Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund*.

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

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

*"With a big summer of cricket coming up, local community cricket clubs like Wallan District now have more opportunities to hit sixes and take wickets."*

*"These new nets will help support more people in Melbourne's north reach their aspirations."*

### Quote attributable to President of Wallan Districts Cricket Club Sam Mahony

*"This redevelopment will make a huge difference to our club and will help us cater for our expanding women's and girl's programs."*