

Media Release

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SUPER SPORTING CLUB BOOST AT OLINDA RESERVE

Community sporting clubs will soon enjoy new and upgraded facilities at Olinda Recreation Reserve, thanks to support from the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today joined Member for Monbulk Daniela De Martino and Yarra Ranges Shire Council Mayor Cr Jim Child to officially launch the next phase of works on the Olinda Precinct Plan, made possible by a \$7.6 million investment by the Labor Government.

The project will upgrade the existing netball court and build a new netball court and four-wicket cricket training facility, creating more opportunities for local clubs to train and compete. The new courts will be complete with LED court light and shelter – allowing more teams to use the facilities day or night.

Home to the Olinda Ferny Creek Football Netball Club and Olinda Cricket Club – these new practice spaces and competition courts will boost the number of local community members that can take part in the sporting club activities.

This project will benefit the entire community – improving health and wellbeing of club members, stimulating the local economy and creating five new local jobs during the construction phase.

This phase of works will complement the recently completed upgrades to the Olinda sporting oval and nature-based playscape with picnic facilities, that were delivered under the Olinda Precinct Plan.

Since 2014, the Labor Government has invested more than \$1.6 billion in community sport and active recreation infrastructure.

For more information about projects at the Olinda Recreation Reserve visit parks.vic.gov.au/projects.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

“The new netball courts and cricket training facility will provide even more reason for locals to come and join in the fun.”

“Better facilities mean more participation, and greater opportunities for Victorians to experience everything community sport has to offer.”

Quote attributable to Minister for Environment Ingrid Stitt

“Our parks and outdoor spaces are for everyone. These sport facilities will breathe new life into this popular community hub.”

Quote attributable to Member for Monbulk Daniela De Martino

“The new facilities will ensure clubs like Olinda Ferny Creek can continue to be the heart of the community.”