

Media Release

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NEW GRANTS RAMP UP SUPPORT FOR SPORTING CLUBS

The Andrews Labor Government is helping more than 260 grassroots sport and recreation clubs address barriers to sporting participation, creating more inclusive ways to access sport across Victoria.

As part of National Volunteer Week celebrations, Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced the latest successful recipients of the *Sporting Club Grants Program* – which are sharing in more than \$520,000.

The projects supported in this round have a strong focus on boosting club capacity and promoting the valuable work of volunteers in helping clubs get back in the game this year.

Grant recipients include, North Bendigo Junior Football Club which is receiving \$1,000 for new uniforms to establish more mixed junior teams and Bendigo's North Central Strikers Netball Club which is scoring \$5,000 to develop a strategic plan to encourage women and girls to participate at the club as players, volunteers, administrators and coaches.

The Program provides up to \$1,000 for uniforms and equipment, up to \$2,000 for training or courses that improve the skills of coaches, officials, volunteers, and administrators, and up to \$5,000 for projects that create new participation opportunities, improve accessibility, or strengthen club operational capacity.

Since 2015, the *Sporting Club Grants Program* has invested more than \$15.5 million to support clubs and their volunteers across the state, in positive and trying times.

The Labor Government is making community sport and recreation more accessible and inclusive. This initiative supports the Government to stimulate local economies, build sustainable sport and recreation volunteer opportunities, and increase participation.

For more information on the grants and a full list of recipients sport.vic.gov.au

Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"National Volunteer Week reminds us that clubs and their volunteers are the backbone of Victorian communities."

"That's why we're backing more clubs with help to boost memberships, support volunteers and get behind grassroots sports that are an integral part of local communities."

Quote attributable to Member for Bendigo East Jacinta Allan

"Sports clubs are the lifeblood of our communities and that's why we are supporting them with this funding boost."

Quote attributable to Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards

"Grants like these make a real difference to our clubs that contribute so much on and off the field."

Quote attributable to Vice President North Bendigo Junior Football Club Jaydene Burzacott

"Receiving this grant provides funds we otherwise wouldn't have and enables us to upgrade our uniforms and equipment, making our members feel even more like valued members of our club."

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