

# Media Release

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## **MORE GRANTS TO HELP ABORIGINAL ATHLETES GO THE DISTANCE**

The Andrews Labor Government is supporting more Aboriginal Victorians to pursue their passion for sport, with new grants backing athletes to go even further in the sports they love.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced 84 funding grants awarded to community organisations and individuals, made possible through the latest round of the Labor Government's *Aboriginal Sport Participation Grant Program*.

From enabling more travel and participation in sporting events to funding new uniforms and equipment – these grants connect communities and create more opportunities for Aboriginal Victorians.

Grant recipients include First Nations Calisthenics Club in Heidelberg to support travel costs to compete at the Greater Valley Calisthenics Competition in June, and the Naarm Angels Netball Club U15's Team to travel to the VACSAL Junior State-wide Football and Netball Carnival in Shepparton.

Warrnambool Touch Football Club Inc also received \$1,000 to assist with uniform costs for its Aboriginal players to compete at the State Championships in Melbourne.

Since the program launched in 2020, the Government has invested more than \$368,000 to deliver more than 350 grants to Aboriginal community run organisations, clubs, and individuals across Victoria.

Grants of up to \$1,500 are available for teams to participate in state-wide or national sport carnivals, up to \$1,000 to cover team uniforms and sport equipment, up to \$250 per individual for the purchase of sporting uniforms and/or equipment, and up to \$750 for travel and accommodation expenses.

This program is one way the Government continues to support individuals, teams, and organisations with the resources they need to provide sport and recreation opportunities for all Victorians.

For a full list of the funded initiatives from this round and more information visit [sport.vic.gov.au](https://sport.vic.gov.au).

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

*"Sport plays a vital role connecting people, bringing communities together and inspiring future champions."*

*"We want to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to pursue the sport they love – no matter where they are in Victoria."*

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Treaty and First Peoples Gabrielle Williams**

*"These grants help pave the way for the next generation by giving more Victorians an opportunity to embrace an active and healthy lifestyle and tap into all the sport and career pathways that grassroots community sport offers."*

### **Quote attributable to founder of First Nations Calisthenics Club Rebecca Taylor**

*"The Funding First Nations Calisthenics Club has received will ensure our members are offered weekly classes, uniforms, travel to competitions and the equipment necessary for Calisthenics."*

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