

Media Release

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BOOSTING SPORT FACILITIES ACROSS MAROONDAH REGION

Even more sporting clubs are taking their game to the next level with the completion of new sporting facilities at Ringwood's Jubilee Park and East Ringwood Reserve, thanks to the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today joined Member for Ringwood Will Fowles MP and Maroondah Mayor Cr Rob Steane to officially open a new indoor cricket centre in Ringwood and new lighting at East Ringwood, all made possible by a \$3.56 million funding package from the Labor Government.

At Ringwood's Jubilee Park, a new indoor cricket training centre called Maroondah Edge is set to bowl over regional cricket thanks to a \$3.08 million investment from the Labor Government.

Complete with five-wickets, viewing platform, multipurpose room and office space, the venue will be a strong new home base for the Ringwood Cricket Club as well as host player development programs and support grassroots cricket pathways in Melbourne's outer east.

At East Ringwood Reserve, the East Ringwood Kangaroos Cricket and Football Clubs can now also enjoy playing under improved oval lighting, made possible by an investment of \$480,000 from the Labor Government.

The *Victorian Budget 2023/24* is providing more than \$213 million to deliver and improve community sports infrastructure and support initiatives that boost participation and inclusion in local sports clubs and organisations.

This takes the Government's investment into community sport and active recreation infrastructure to more than \$1.9 billion since 2014.

From pavilion redevelopments to pitch upgrades, investments like these are all about creating jobs, stimulating local economies, and improving the health, wellbeing, and social outcomes for Victorian communities.

Minister Spence acknowledged Maroondah City Council for its financial contribution to the projects.

For more information about infrastructure grant opportunities available through the Government visit sport.vic.gov.au.

Quote attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"The new cricket and lighting facilities had a whole new dimension to local sport, giving locals even more incentive to get active and healthy playing the sports they love."

Quote attributable to Member for Ringwood Will Fowles

"The people of Maroondah love their sport, they deserve quality facilities and we're proud to do our part in making that happen."