

Media Release

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UNITING COMMUNITIES THROUGH SPORT AND RECREATION

The Andrews Labor Government is backing even more sport and recreation initiatives that increase inclusive participation and create safe spaces for all.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced funding of more than \$14.5 million to support over 100 projects through the latest round of the Labor Government's *Together More Active* program.

Uniting people through sport, the program is aimed at encouraging community members to participate in local sport and recreation activities, helping organisations increase local memberships, building a skilled workforce and developing a safe, resilient and inclusive sector.

Successful recipients include CMSport, which will develop a strategy aimed at reducing incidents of racism in community sport, through a partnership with Koorie Heritage Trust and seven Victorian State Sporting Associations.

Basketball Victoria will deliver the *Free Throws* program for women and gender-diverse people who want to learn all the basics of shooting hoops in a free, flexible and welcoming environment.

Funding to Disability Sport and Recreation Victoria will enhance the capability of local governments to deliver more opportunities for people of all abilities.

The *Together More Active* program is part of the Labor Government's *Active Victoria* strategy that aims to create positive impacts on local communities through sport and recreation.

For the latest information about the program and successful grant recipients, visit sport.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"We're proud to support a new batch of exciting projects that aim to make a real difference in the community through sport and active recreation."

"This is all about opening doors to more careers, partnerships, members, volunteers and development and participation programs that benefit everyone, and we're making it all possible through this exciting program."

Quote attributable to Basketball Victoria General Manager David Huxtable

"With funding from the Together More Active program, we aim to upskill and educate the basketball community on the importance of gender equity, the impact it has on health and wellbeing, and the role basketball associations and clubs can play in promoting equity on and off the court."