

Media Release

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QUEENSCLIFF'S HOME GROUND ADVANTAGE

The Queenscliff community can look forward to home ground advantage at the newly completed Sport and Recreation Precinct, thanks to support from the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today joined Member for Bellarine Alison Marchant and Borough of Queenscliffe Mayor Cr Isabelle Tolhurst to mark the completion of works at the precinct, which received more than \$3.3 million from the Labor Government.

The new space offers a modern, accessible multi-sport and recreation hub that will accommodate resident clubs and attract locals to participate in outdoor activities. It comes complete with two Netball Australia-standard courts with female friendly accessible change rooms, a new four-wicket cricket training facility, and a covered deck for spectators.

Lighting upgrades make the oval AFL training standard, while netting behind the goals has been installed to ensure safety of precinct users.

Inside the precinct, the Monahan Centre gives sports players and community members access to club rooms, a community gym, social spaces, improved bathrooms, a first aid room and kitchenette.

Meanwhile, upgrades to power, water and sewerage systems have improved onsite camping facilities and created environmentally-sensitive drainage and water-saving infrastructure to make the precinct more sustainable.

The Borough of Queenscliffe also contributed \$835,000 to the project.

The *Victorian Budget 2023/24* is providing more than \$213 million to deliver new and improved community sports infrastructure and support initiatives that boost participation and inclusion in local sports. It's part of the more than \$1.9 billion invested in community sport and recreation infrastructure since 2014.

For more information about infrastructure grant opportunities, visit sport.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"These state-of-the-art facilities provide a home for all things sport and recreation in Queenscliff and give our clubs and community more opportunities to get active in a way that best suits them."

"Facilities like the Queenscliff Sport and Recreation Precinct make it easier for people to lead active and connected lifestyles full of the health and wellbeing benefits offered by participating in sport and recreation."

Quote attribute to Member for Bellarine Alison Marchant

"Queenscliff is home to a community that is passionate about sport and recreation – I'm very pleased to see we now have appropriate facilities that we can be proud of."