

# Media Release

**The Hon Ros Spence MP**  
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## **MORE COMMUNITY SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE WAY**

The Allan Labor Government is investing in more community sports grounds, change rooms, sports courts, playspaces and other sport and recreation facilities so even more Victorians can get active.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced applications are open for the *2023/24 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund* backed by up to \$5 million from the *Victorian Budget 2023/24*.

The Fund helps communities plan and develop sport and recreation facilities through three funding streams by providing up to \$300,000 for Community Facilities, up to \$250,000 for Community Sports Lighting, and up to \$40,000 for Planning.

All Victorian councils and Alpine Resorts Victoria are eligible to apply for funds towards a range of community sports infrastructure and recreation developments.

Recent successful projects include funding for Moira Shire to light the Numurkah Showgrounds oval, Manningham Council for the Ruffey Lake Park exercise area, and Northern Grampians Shire to plan the Stawell Sports and Aquatic Centre redevelopment.

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

This includes continuing this Fund and the Country Football and Netball Program.

The *Local Sports Infrastructure Fund* is part of more than \$1.9 billion invested in community sport and recreation infrastructure since 2014.

Clubs interested in seeking support through the *2023/24 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund* are encouraged to contact their local council regarding the application process.

Applications close on 13 December. For more information, visit the [sport.vic.gov.au](https://sport.vic.gov.au).

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

*"Nothing brings communities together like community sport."*

*"Our investment in sport and recreation infrastructure is making it easier for players, coaches, umpires and supporters of all abilities to get involved in local sport and lead healthy and active lifestyles."*

*"That's why I urge local councils and Alpine Resorts Victoria to work with their communities to apply for funding and kick start new projects that can make a real difference to people's lives."*