# Media Release

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## MONASH TENNIS CENTRE READY TO SERVE UP THE ACTION

The new Monash Tennis Centre and multisport pavilion in the Glen Waverley Sports Hub is now open and ready to serve up the action to the local community.

Minister for Transport Infrastructure Danny Pearson today announced the precinct is now open, made possible thanks to the Allan Labor Government's North East Link project – investing \$21 million alongside a \$5.77 million investment from the City of Monash.

The new facility in Jells Park contains 18 tennis courts – including two show courts, a pavilion, a golf driving range and a café for locals to enjoy.

Glenvale Tennis Club will be based at the new centre, which will also be available for casual community use and to accommodate local and regional tournaments.

The tennis centre will be the new home for major tournaments replacing the former tennis centre in Bulleen, where the new North East Link tunnels will connect to an upgraded Eastern Freeway.

North East Link is the biggest road project in Victoria's history and will finally fix the missing link in Melbourne's freeway network – which will slash travel times, reduce congestion, and free up local roads for local trips.

To keep local sports clubs thriving during construction, 19 sports grounds have been upgraded as part of a \$68 million package with improved playing surfaces, flood lights and six brand-new accessible pavilions that include female change rooms.

Upgrades have been delivered at clubs across the north and east including Veneto Club, Greensborough College and Ford Park, and work is underway to deliver a new soccer facility at Templestowe Road.

Across the north and east, a huge amount of work is underway to get ready for tunnelling in mid-2024. Tunnel boring machines are being assembled in a 200-metre-long launch site Watsonia, work is continuing on the Manningham interchange, and worksites re being set up along the Eastern Freeway and M80 Ring Road.

The North East Link, the M80 Ring Road Completion and the Eastern Freeway Upgrades are expected to open in 2028 and are funded in joint partnership by the Albanese and Allan Labor governments.

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Transport Infrastructure Danny Pearson**

"We're serving up a record investment in local sport, so communities can continue to thrive as we build North East Link."

### **Quotes attributable to Member for Glen Waverley John Mullahy**

"I'm proud to be part of the Allan Labor Government that is investing in local livability as Glen Waverley continues to grow, with world-class sports and recreation facilities, and improved transport options slashing travel time across the north east."

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# Quotes attributable to Mayor, City of Monash, Cr Nicky Luo "The \$26.7 million tennis and multisport facility has been a significant project for Council and I'm delighted that it is now open. I want to thank the Victorian Government for their support, as well as everyone who has worked on this project - which will be a game-changer for tennis in Monash."

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