

Media Release

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MILDURA'S NEW SPORT PRECINCT COMPLETE

Mildura's new sporting precinct is now open and ready to host national sporting competitions and showcase local talent, thanks to the support of the Allan Labor Government.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today officially opened the Mildura Sporting Precinct which can now accommodate even more sports and fans with 500 extra stadium seats – made possible by a \$13 million investment from the Labor Government.

The project has delivered a second oval with lighting, six-court indoor multi-sport stadium, four indoor squash courts, four outdoor volleyball courts and a cricket training facility – bringing players, fans and the local community together in the one precinct.

New change rooms, car parking and landscaping add to the state-of-the-art precinct which will act as a hub of sports activity in Mildura.

The precinct will be able to accommodate even more sporting competitions including state and national sports carnivals and major sporting competitions including AFLW, AFL, WBBL, BBL, WNBL and NBL preseason and season fixtures.

The precinct has been delivered in collaboration the Federal Government, Mildura Rural City Council, Cricket Australia, Cricket Victoria and the local community.

The *Victorian Budget 2024/25* is investing more than \$23 million to provide new and improved community sports infrastructure and initiatives that boost participation and inclusion in local sports clubs.

From playground redevelopments to new sporting hubs, investments like these provide high-quality and accessible places for Victorians to reap the benefits of sport and active recreation. These projects are all about creating jobs, stimulating local economies, and improving the health, wellbeing, and social outcomes for Victorian communities.

The Labor Government has invested more than \$1.9 billion in community sport and active recreation since 2014, including more than \$18 million invested in Mildura.

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

Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"This sporting precinct will allow Mildura to host the biggest and best sports the state and nation has to offer, showcasing regional Victoria and its love of sport."

Regional facilities that deliver more opportunities for Victorians to enjoy the sports they love at quality venues like the Mildura Sporting Precinct."

Quote attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes

"These facilities will make it easier for people in Mildura and surrounding communities to participate in local sport and recreation, meaning they can live active and healthy lifestyles."

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