

Media Release

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STATEWIDE BOOST FOR SPORTING CLUBS

The Allan Labor Government is backing grassroots sporting clubs to break down barriers to participation and get more Victorians involved in local sport.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced the latest recipients of the *Sporting Club Grants Program* with more than 400 grants of up to \$4,000 going to local clubs across the state.

The *Sporting Club Grants Program* provides grants to clubs for uniforms and equipment that improve accessibility and engagement, projects that strengthen volunteering and officiating, new sport or recreation programs to inspire more people to get involved, and support for athlete travel to competitions.

North Eastern Archers in Benalla has received \$1,000 to purchase archery equipment to help more women and girls give the sport a go and Lyndale Cricket Club in Noble Park has received \$1,000 to purchase size appropriate cricket equipment to boost female participation.

Newly established Geelong Sharks Rugby League Club scored \$2,000 towards training for their volunteer leaders and officials in the areas of mental health, first aid and conflict resolution so club volunteers are equipped to support their members on a range of issues.

Ballarat Regional Athletic Centre received over \$3,100 to create a free week-night program for junior athletes to come and try the full range of track and field events and allow families to access sport at different times.

In this round, the program is also investing in local athletes to help them represent Victoria on the world stage. The Australian Deaf Sports Federation received \$3,000 for the travel and accommodation costs of four Victorian athletes representing Australia at the 2024 World Deaf Golf Championships in August.

Since 2015 the *Sporting Club Grants Program* has invested more than \$16.7 million to support thousands of community sport and recreation clubs across the state, helping grow grassroots sport and recreation and ensuring clubs have the skills and resources they need to succeed.

For more information on the grants and a full list of recipients visit sport.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"We're backing more clubs, volunteers and athletes across Victoria with grants to help them grow participation and serve their community in a way that matters to locals."

"These grants are opening up a range of opportunities on and off the field and ensuring clubs have the resources they need to encourage everyone to get involved in grassroots sport."