

# Media Release

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## GRANTS TO POWER UP COMMUNITY SPORT AND RECREATION

The Allan Labor Government is ramping up support for sporting organisations with a new round of grants available.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced applications are now open for the *Together More Active* Program.

The grant program supports sport and recreation organisations to encourage participation and support volunteer and workforce development with three funding streams: Sector Capability Building Funding, Inclusive Participation Project Funding and Workforce Development Project Funding.

Successful projects from past rounds include the development of a Wheelchair Rugby League program by NRL Victoria, in partnership with Wheelchair Rugby League Australia and Melbourne Storm, which gave people who use a wheelchair the opportunity to play rugby.

The program has also backed the development of a new Lifesaving Victoria workforce development program that is promoting diversity, equity and inclusion across its paid and volunteer workforce.

State sport and active recreation bodies and regional academies of sport are eligible for the Inclusive Participation and Workforce Development Project funding streams.

The Sector Capability Building grant stream is available to Regional Sport Victoria, Vicsport, Outdoors Victoria, Aquatics and Recreation Victoria, Disability Sport and Recreation and Victoria's nine regional sport assemblies.

The *Together More Active 2023-27* Program is part of the Labor Government's *Active Victoria* strategy that sets out Victoria's priorities for sport and recreation so even more people can enjoy participating in the sports they love.

Applications close on 29 January 2025. For the latest information about the program and to apply, visit [sport.vic.gov.au](https://sport.vic.gov.au).

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

*"This program is all about supporting sporting organisations and their volunteers and staff, so we can help more Victorians experience the many benefits of playing sport and staying active."*

*"Our aim is to create inclusive environments that welcome people and encourage them to get involved in sport – from players to volunteers to paid staff."*