

# Media Release

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## GRANTS TO SUPPORT FIRST NATIONS ATHLETES

Victoria's next generation of First Nations athletes can take their performance to the next level with more grants for uniforms, equipment, travel and participation in sport carnivals, supported by the Allan Labor Government.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced a new round of grants through the popular *Aboriginal Sport Participation Grant Program*.

From the Australian Indigenous Surfing Titles to Super Netball, the performances of First Nations athletes on the big stage are an inspiration to all Victorians.

The program delivers grants of up to \$1,000 for team uniforms and equipment, and up to \$2,500 for travel costs so clubs can participate in both Victorian and national tournaments.

Individuals can also access up to \$250 to purchase sporting uniforms and equipment, and up to \$750 for their own travel costs.

Previous recipients include Reservoir based Debbie's Diamonds who scored almost \$3,000 towards travel costs, supporting their Mens C Grade and Womens B Grade basketball teams to compete at the recent 2025 VACSAL State-wide Basketball Classic in Mildura.

Mernda Calisthenics Club also bagged more than \$500 towards uniforms for five club members from ages 15 to 24 to enable them to compete in the local competition.

This grant program is part of the Labor Government's strong support for the Victorian Aboriginal community. Since 2020, the Aboriginal Sport Participation Grant Program has provided more than 480 grants to community sport clubs and individuals in Victoria's Indigenous communities.

Applications for this round are open until 11:59pm on 29 July 2025. For more information or to apply visit [sport.vic.gov.au](https://sport.vic.gov.au).

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

*"These grants provide an opportunity for the next generation of First Nations athletes to play the sports they love and follow in the footsteps of legendary athletes."*

*"Cost shouldn't keep anyone on the sidelines and we're making sure it doesn't, with more support for uniforms, equipment and travel."*