

# Media Release

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## BACKING LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND SPORT CLUBS TO GROW

The Allan Labor Government is backing in the heartbeat of local communities with a new wave of sports club grants – providing more opportunities for people to get involved in the community and sports they love.

Acting Minister for Community Sport Gayle Tierney today visited Brunswick Stadium to announce 827 grants for sports clubs across Victoria through the *Sporting Club Grants Program* totaling more than \$1 million.

The program provides funding for equipment and uniforms, taking the financial burden off clubs and support for volunteers and officials to learn new skills and deliver new programs – helping local clubs grow.

This round invests \$4,000 for Brunswick Magic Basketball Association's new "Girls in Sport" program, which is running free workshops featuring a WNBL1 player to encourage girls' participation.

The newly established Port Melbourne Chargers Women's Football Club has received \$1,700 for courses that enhance skills and develop new coaching methods to help the club grow.

The program is also investing \$4,000 to help Trafalgar Park Bowls Club introduce pickleball to the local community with a new 40-week program for people of all ages and abilities to get involved.

Wangaratta Golf Club will also use \$4,000 to offer a 6-week program to increase women's participation in golf.

Since 2014, the *Sporting Club Grants Program* has invested more than \$19.5 million in local communities to support thousands of sport and recreation clubs across the state.

The program is backed by the *Regional Community Sport Development Fund* which is delivering infrastructure upgrades and other programs including the *Regional Community Sport Infrastructure Fund* to help more regional Victorians to get active and be a part of their local sporting clubs.

The *Victorian Budget 2025/26* is investing in real cost of living help for families, with \$15 million to deliver the popular \$200 Get Active Kids Vouchers for another two years – helping more kids get involved in local sport and stay active.

For more information on the grants and a full list of recipients [sport.vic.gov.au](https://sport.vic.gov.au).

### Quotes attributable to Acting Minister for Community Sport Gayle Tierney

*"We're getting behind local sports clubs – making sure they have the facilities and equipment they need to support their local communities."*

*"These grants create real opportunities for the people at the heart of local sport – helping players grow, volunteers stay engaged, and coaches give their best both on and off the field."*

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