

# Media Release

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## GRANTS TO UPGRADE LOCAL SPORTS FACILITIES ACROSS VICTORIA

The Allan Labor Government is backing better facilities for grassroots sport and local communities.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced applications are open for the *2025-26 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund (LSIF)*, which creates better places to play, train and compete across Victoria.

The fund was extended in the *Victorian Budget 2025/26* and has three streams including community facilities, community sports lighting, and planning with councils being able to apply for between \$40,000 and \$500,000 for projects

Potential projects include new or improved sports courts, lights, change rooms, playgrounds and skate parks, to benefit local clubs and communities.

All Victorian councils and Alpine Resorts Victoria are eligible to apply in partnership with their local sport and recreation clubs, sport associations and leagues with a focus on projects that will support local communities and groups to increase participation including amongst women and girls.

Successful projects funded through a previous round include \$250,000 towards a new family recreation space at Dandenong's Greaves Reserve featuring a multi-use court for basketball and soccer, a tennis half-court with rebound wall, and connecting pathways.

Fawkner's popular Charles Mutton Reserve also received \$200,000 to deliver a 150 lux LED lighting upgrade on both sports ovals - providing the Northern Saints Football Club with more playing and training time on their ovals to meet growing demand.

At Frankston Park, \$250,000 is delivering bigger and better home and away change rooms for teams from the Frankston Football Club and Frankston Dolphins Reclink Football Team to help them host games.

This announcement comes off the back of more than \$24 million invested in regional sports facilities in July through Round 2 of the *Regional Community Sports Infrastructure Fund*.

*The Victorian Budget 2025/26* is also investing \$20 million to continue providing new and improved community sports infrastructure, including through the *LSIF*. It's part of more than \$2.4 billion invested in community sport and recreation infrastructure over the past decade.

For more information about the fund and to apply visit [sport.vic.gov.au](https://sport.vic.gov.au). Applications close on 2 December.

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

*"Nothing unites communities like grassroots sport – that's why it's important that locals have modern and accessible sporting facilities so people can come together and enjoy the sports they love."*

*"Our investments in sport and recreation infrastructure are making it easier for players, coaches, umpires and supporters of all abilities to get involved in local sports and their communities."*

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