

Media Release

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GRANTS TO SUPPORT MORE FIRST NATIONS ATHLETES

The Allan Labor Government is backing more First Nations athletes to take part in sport with a new round of grants delivered to support athletes with expenses for sport carnivals, travel, uniforms, equipment and more.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced 19 grants from the latest round of the *Aboriginal Sport Participation Grant Program*.

The program delivers grants of up to \$1,000 for team uniforms and equipment, and up to \$2,500 for travel costs per team 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.

Sharing in more than \$67,000, recipients include the Moe based Gippsland Wrens Sporting Club – which will receive more than \$1,600 for new uniforms for the under 10's girls and boys basketball sides.

Mildura's Mallee Tigers Football Netball Club will receive \$15,000 towards travel costs for seven of their junior teams to participate in the 2025 VACSAL Statewide Junior Football and Netball Carnival in Shepparton.

The Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation will use \$500 for uniforms and boxing equipment for two boxers in its Warrior's Boxing program – the program has a strong focus on Aboriginal youth mental health and wellbeing and is based in Healesville.

The *Aboriginal Sport Participation Grant Program* has provided almost 500 grants to community sport clubs and First Nations individuals, building stronger connections between the community sport sector and Victoria's Indigenous communities.

For more information about the program and the latest successful recipients visit sport.vic.gov.au.

Quote attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"We're proud to back First Nations athletes to play the sports they love – this program makes participation easier supporting athletes with the uniforms and equipment they need or travel to get to their games."

Quote attributable to Minister for Treaty and First Peoples Natalie Hutchins

"Sport brings people together and is the lifeblood of our communities – this boost will give more First Nations Victorians the chance to follow their sporting dreams."