

Media Release

The Hon Ros Spence MP

Minister for Roads and Road Safety

Minister for First Peoples

Minister for Community Sport



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BACKING FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Labor is backing First Nations organisations to lead the way for their communities.

First Nations organisations know what their communities need – and the Allan Labor Government is making sure they have the facilities to deliver it.

Minister for First Peoples Ros Spence today announced funding for 13 organisations as part of the eighth round of the Aboriginal Community Infrastructure Program.

Nalderun Education Aboriginal Corporation in Central Victoria will receive more than \$1.4 million to build a co-designed Indigenous Education Place in Chewton.

The service will deliver educational, employment and wellbeing outcomes for First Nations people.

An investment of \$1.5 million will support Taungurung Land and Waters Council to build a multi-purpose community space at Nyagaroon to share knowledge and celebrate culture.

In Shepparton, Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative will receive close to \$300,000 for repairs and upgrades to 19 independent living units at the Rumbalara Elders Facility.

Rumbalara Football Netball Club will receive more than \$287,000 to deliver essential cultural, safety and functional upgrades.

These are places where communities come together, culture is celebrated and people get the support they need.

The Aboriginal Community Infrastructure Program supports First Nations organisations to build new, functional and accessible infrastructure – or to repair, renovate or expand existing facilities.

Since 2018, the program has delivered almost \$50 million for 127 projects across Victoria, by 60 unique First Nations organisations.

The program is transitioning to Gellung Warl – a commitment under Victoria's first Treaty. Gellung Warl will establish and operate a new First Peoples' Infrastructure Fund from 2027.

For more information, visit firstpeoplesrelations.vic.gov.au/aboriginal-community-infrastructure-program.

Quotes attributable to Minister for First Peoples Ros Spence

"First Nations organisations deliver the strongest programs for First Nations communities – the Allan Labor Government is proud to back that important work."

"From education and health to sport and culture, this funding means communities have the spaces they need to come together and thrive."

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