

# Media Release

**The Hon Martin Pakula MP**

Minister for Jobs, Innovation and Trade  
Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events  
Minister for Racing



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## **FEMALE FRIENDLY SPORTING FACILITIES HAS BORONIA RAPT**

Boronia's rugby league and cricket players will soon have female friendly change rooms at Colchester Reserve, thanks to funding from the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Martin Pakula today announced construction of new change rooms and pavilion refurbishment works at the reserve, made possible by a \$500,000 grant from the Labor Government's Female Friendly Facilities Fund.

The reserve and pavilion are used by the Eastern Raptors Rugby League Club and Boronia Cricket Club.

Currently, the existing change facilities are not appropriate for the growing number of female players signing up to play rugby league and cricket which is why the upgrades are so important.

The upgraded facilities will include two new female friendly and accessible change rooms with amenities, a female friendly umpire's change room and improvements to the existing pavilion.

The project is part of the Labor Government's dedication to sports and active recreation and gender equality, to encourage all Victorians to get out there and get active.

The Labor Government has made the biggest investment in grassroots sporting opportunities in Victoria's history, with \$420 million dedicated to community sport.

The facility refurbishments will be made possible with support of Knox City Council, Cricket Victoria and the Eastern Raptors Rugby League Club.

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events, Martin Pakula**

*"We're seeing growing numbers of girls and boys, women and men signing up to play sport at local clubs and now the Andrews Labor Government is making sure clubs like the Eastern Raptors and Boronia Cricket Club have the facilities they deserve."*

*"We're so proud to be delivering modern, fit for purpose facilities that truly cater for all."*

### **Quotes attributable to Member for Bayswater Jackson Taylor**

*"This upgraded pavilion will be a game-changer for the area. Women and girls can say goodbye to changing in the back of the car as they'll finally have the facilities they deserve to get active and play the sports they love."*

*"We want all Victorians to have access to high quality facilities regardless of where they live or what gender they are."*