

Media Release

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HELPING THE WESTERN BULLDOGS KICK GOALS IN THE COMMUNITY

Communities in Melbourne's west and western Victoria will be the big winners from a new partnership with the Western Bulldogs Community Foundation, backed by the Andrews Labor Government.

The three-year deal with WorkSafe Victoria will help the Bulldogs foundation continue to develop young leaders, as well as encouraging social diversity and inclusion.

It will also help raise awareness about the important workplace health and safety among young people starting out in workforce.

Some of the foundation's programs that will benefit from the sponsorship include:

- Ready Settle Go!, a program that helps non-English speakers and those who have recently immigrated to settle in the Western Bulldogs community
- The Nallei Jerring Koori Youth Leadership program, that supports young people from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds
- Sons and Daughters of the West, which provides programs on nutrition, mental health, physical activity and community building for men and women who live in western Victoria.

The partnership will allow WorkSafe to have input into programs and speak directly to a new generation of leaders about health, safety and wellbeing in the workplace.

In 2018, more than 5000 people engaged with Western Bulldogs Community Foundation programs in 15 municipalities across Melbourne and Victoria's west.

The naming rights partnership means the foundation will be known as the WorkSafe Western Bulldogs Community Foundation.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Workplace Safety Jill Hennessy

"The earlier we can send the message about safety at work the better and that's exactly what this new partnership will do."

"As a proud daughter of the west I'm thrilled the Western Bulldogs are playing their part in getting the message about workplace safety out to as many people as possible."

Quote attributable to Member for Footscray Katie Hall

"The Western Bulldogs are a big part of our community - they'll play a really important role in educating young people about how to stay safe when they enter the workforce."

Quotes attributable to WorkSafe Chief Executive Clare Amies

"WorkSafe is proud of its long association with the Western Bulldogs and excited by this new partnership."

"The knowledge and attitudes of new workers and emerging leaders have a real impact on future workplace health and safety outcomes, and WorkSafe is always looking for opportunities to make a difference."

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