

Media Release

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REGIONAL SPORTING FACILITIES GET A GLOW UP

The Allan Labor Government is building more swimming pools, sporting grounds and courts and pavilions across regional Victoria with grants from the *Regional Community Sports Infrastructure Fund*.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence visited Seymour Tennis Complex to announce that 26 new infrastructure projects across Victoria will share in more than \$20 million to make their local facilities even better.

Backed by \$1 million from the Fund, the Seymour Tennis Complex will receive a new synthetic grass surface on its four synthetic courts, along with club competition-standard 350 lux LED lighting.

The *Regional Community Sports Infrastructure Fund* encourages councils, clubs and communities to work together to design the facilities their town wants, with a focus on getting more people involved regardless of their age, gender or ability.

The Ballarat Aquatic Leisure Centre will get almost \$750,000 to add three accessible and sensory friendly change rooms and, install automatic gates and sliding doors at the venue – providing easy access for the whole community.

\$1 million will also go towards the new Port Fairy Skate and Play Precinct which will have a skate park, playground, picnic shelters and games activity zone for the whole Port Fairy community to enjoy.

The *Regional Community Sports Infrastructure Fund* builds on more than \$23 million announced in the 2024-25 *Victorian Budget* to provide world class community sports infrastructure and initiatives that boost participation and inclusion in local sport.

From playground redevelopments to new sporting hubs, investments like these provide high-quality and accessible places for Victorians to reap the benefits of sport and active recreation. These projects are all about creating jobs, stimulating local economies, and improving the health, wellbeing, and social outcomes for Victorian communities.

Since 2014 the Labor Government has invested more than \$1.9 billion in community sport and recreation infrastructure.

The second round of the fund is set to open later this year. For more information about the Fund and successful projects visit sport.vic.gov.au.

Quote attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

“The new Regional Community Sports Infrastructure Fund is about making sure all Victorians – regardless of their age, gender or ability – have access to high quality sport and recreation facilities no matter where they live.”

Quote attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes

“This fund supports world-class sporting facilities right across our state and the Seymour Tennis Complex upgrade means our local tennis community can now enjoy a hit of tennis after dark.”

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