

# Media Release

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## ABORIGINAL ATHLETES SCORE GRANTS GOLD

The Allan Labor Government is backing the next generation of Aboriginal athletes to reach new heights with a fresh round of sporting grants delivered to clubs across the state.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced grant recipients from the latest round of the *Aboriginal Sport Participation Grant Program* – with clubs and groups sharing in more than \$100,000 to support athletes.

Recipients include the Robinvale Manatunga Sports Club who will get \$3,000 for travel to a state-wide Senior Football and Netball Carnival in Portarlington, and the First Nations Melbourne Rugby League Incorporated who scored more than \$3,400 to help their under 14 boys and girls sides get to the 2024 Harmony Cup Tournament.

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

*The Aboriginal Sport Participation Grant Program* reflects the Labor Government's strong support for the Victorian Aboriginal community and is bolstered by the work underway on a new Victorian Aboriginal Sporting Partnership that's building stronger connections in the community sport sector.

Since 2020, the *Aboriginal Sport Participation Grant Program* has provided 457 grants to community sport clubs and individuals in Victoria's Indigenous communities.

For more information about the program and the latest successful recipients visit [sport.vic.gov.au/funding/aboriginal-sport-participation-grant-program](https://sport.vic.gov.au/funding/aboriginal-sport-participation-grant-program).

### Quote attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

*"The next generation of First Nations athletes are set to do their clubs and communities proud, and we are backing them to succeed with this game changing program."*

### Quote attributable to Minister for Treaty and First Peoples Natalie Hutchins

*"It's fantastic to see even more Aboriginal athletes get their chance to follow in the footsteps of First Nations champions and reach their potential in the sport they love."*

### Quotes attributable to President of First Nations Melbourne Rugby League Incorporated Jarrod Stains

*"Sport is an important way for us to connect with each other and build confidence among other lifelong skills."*

*"Receiving this grant will enable us to bring players and their families from all over the State to compete in the Harmony Cup and connect over the game we love."*

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